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**To:** CouncilAll  
**Cc:** Cyndie Martel; Roberta Feliciano  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] "Grandfather" Existing Pickleball Courts

Dear Town Council,

I hope this message finds each of you well.

I am writing in regard to the upcoming Town Council meeting during which the topic of pickleball court regulations will be discussed. I understand from the staff report that the town is evaluating potential regulations due to the noise concerns surrounding pickleball.

In reading through the report, it appears that Ross currently has around 20 tennis/sports courts, and, notably, no complaints have been lodged against any of these courts for noise disturbances. Given this, I would like to respectfully ask the Council to **consider an approach that distinguishes between existing and future courts**. Specifically, I suggest that the Council **consider "grandfathering" existing sports courts** and permit their continued use under current standards.

These courts (private courts, town courts, Branson & Lagunitas Club) have operated without issue for years, and the proposal to impose stricter noise regulations should ideally apply only to new pickleball courts or significant modifications to existing courts that might change their noise profile. This would prevent imposing new burdens on those who have maintained these courts without disturbance to the community.

I fully understand the need for noise regulation, particularly for future developments that may impact surrounding areas. However, applying such regulations retroactively to existing courts that have been functioning without issue seems unnecessary and might cause undue hardship to court owners, negatively impact home values, etc.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the discussion during the upcoming meeting.

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