

Dear Mayor Kircher and Concilmembers,

I am writing regarding the Sept 12 meeting's Agenda Item No. 11 on regulating pickleball courts.

Pickleball is one of the most unifying and inclusive activities, bringing together people across generations, gender, race, and economic backgrounds. It fosters community strength by creating spaces where people of all ages and abilities socialize, stay active, and build relationships. Pickleball courts revitalize public spaces and serve as gathering points that enhance civic pride and engagement, with participants organizing events and volunteering.

Pickleball bridges cultural divides, enriching local life with shared experiences. Its role in physical activity, social interaction, and community involvement makes it a vital driver of community cohesion and should be encouraged rather than restricted.

Agenda Item No. 11 addresses pickleball from a restrictive perspective. Instead, consider using USA Pickleball's "Quiet" paddles and balls, designed for noise reduction. Implementing "Quiet Hours" for pickleball, similar to restrictions on construction noise, could balance the concerns.

Enforcement would be as easy as confirming use of USAP Quiet equipment during designated hours, and instituting tickets to offenders not complying. This is significantly easier and more effective than the proposed solution from the Planning and Building Director, with the added benefit of providing revenue to offset enforcement costs.

As an ex-Management Consultant who has won 3 USA Pickleball National Medals and has a family member in the Pickleball Hall of Fame, I understand the issues with current noise solutions for both individual and government entities alike.

More specifically I am aware of these issues because I am one of the founders of a company that is working on an adaptive USAP Quiet sheet that can go on ANY paddle to quickly, easily, and affordably dampen the noise generated by participating in this incredible community activity, rather than buying an expensive set of additional equipment for niche use for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration in this manner.

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