



Residents and Business Owners of Oakmont:

Did you know that Oakmont's Borough Manager (Scot Fodi), Oakmont's Borough Council, and Oakmont's Mayor are quietly **introducing and voting on** a new parking ordinance? This new ordinance will ultimately have negative ramifications for Oakmont residents and **current** business owners. The new parking ordinance will affect Oakmont residents' and businesses' ability to park in front of their homes and businesses, negatively affecting their property and business values.

Of course, you did not know. The Borough Manager, The Borough Council, and Mayor kept it quiet, knowing that the Council's procedure would allow them to silently sneak this past Oakmont's residents and **current** business owners. We all need to speak up now! Please read the following and attend the **Council meeting and their vote at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 20, 2023, at the borough building.**

The question is, why? After decades of this town working seamlessly, is Oakmont's Borough Manager, Council, and Mayor covertly trying to turn our first-class borough into another **Southside**? Where residents and **existing** business owners are adversely affected, and there are no ways to control traffic and parking.

Specifically, they propose that new businesses establish themselves anywhere in the Oakmont business district with **no off-street parking requirements**. Fodi and Council propose allowing **On-Street parking** within 100 yards of the businesses' property lines to count towards their necessary parking space requirements. This change is completely opposite of the **current** ordinance. It would mean that any available **on-street parking** within a football field radius (N/S/E/W) of a new business will count towards their required parking spaces. There are not enough off-street spaces now, which means the tsunami of cars will overflow into the residential areas of Oakmont, in front of homes, and parked in front of driveways and alleys. Oakmont becomes the **Southside** - you can fight for parking spaces daily and start littering the streets with "parking" chairs to save your spots. By knowingly pushing business district parking into residential areas, they effectively throw out the current zoning map.

Again, so why are The Borough Manager, Council, and Mayor so dead set on passing this ordinance? Why are they willing to sacrifice people's parking spaces in front of their homes and **existing** businesses to bring in business that the town cannot hold? Once they clandestinely pass this **new no-parking requirement**, there will no longer be any way to control what comes into this town. They will have created carte blanche for anyone to come in and create impossible conditions for residents and **existing** businesses – **hello, Southside!** Residents and **existing** businesses will be at the mercy of whoever wants to pull up shop in Oakmont. The strategy is to make no restrictions for them to get into town, realizing there is no way to hold them once they get in.

Oakmont already has a traffic problem being an excellent cut-through town. Cars pack Allegheny River Boulevard and Allegheny Avenue, with the area near Hulton Road a complete quagmire. It is busting at the seams already. Cars already occupy the proposed football field-sized area for parking in all directions. This new ordinance will cause the overflow of cars to flood into the residential areas, hurt



home values, and create parking problems for businesses, big and small. As vacancies come up and different businesses enter the borough, parking needs will continue to change. The parking spaces available today might not be available tomorrow.

This new ordinance is an attempt by the Borough Manager (who is not even a resident of Oakmont), Oakmont Borough Council, and Oakmont's Mayor to overly commercialize this great suburban town and turn it into the **Southside**, with all of their parking woes. Are the Borough Officials trying to solidify their legacy and leave the Oakmont residents and current business owners paralyzed before their terms and time run out? They do not care about your business, home values, or peace and quiet. The borough manager thinks we don't have a parking problem but that we have a parking **requirement** problem and calls his new plan urban parking. The problem is we need to keep our existing **suburban** parking. It is all a smokescreen to commercialize Oakmont while your property values plummet and **existing** businesses are left with no parking and lose their value. The **current** parking restrictions make the town work in an orderly fashion while most all buildings are full and prospering. Parking will now become a first come, first served wild west where the small businesses we pride ourselves on will get run over. Traffic is already fierce. There is no room to put more cars. Residents and Businesses pay top dollar to have order, and now big business moves in to infringe on all that already works. What type of business would the borough officials consider that would require such an extreme ordinance change needing football fields of space for cars?

This town is full and prospering. Why the push to turn it into the **Southside**? That cannot be what this one-of-a-kind town that mixes business so well with residential needs. What are they trying to do to this 1-mile stretch? These cars will park in front of your houses and shut their doors at all times of the day and night as people infringe on your neighborhood in various states of mind. The **current** residents and business owners who have helped shape this town will be disregarded and have no rights left. This **new non-parking requirement** must be to bring in big business that needs massive amounts of parking to a town already busting at the seams. This ordinance will create a massive problem for no real reason but to give the Borough Manager, Borough Council, and the Mayor their permanent mark on this town. As their terms and time come to an end, we will be left with this mess. Unless you have some hidden agenda, there is no need to implement such an ordinance.

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