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**To:** Chad Pelishek  
**Subject:** Public Input on Chapter 20 Solid Waste Ordinance

Dear Village Board Members,

I am writing as a resident to provide input on the proposed Chapter 20 Solid Waste ordinance.

I appreciate the effort to establish detailed regulations around solid waste, environmental protections, and facility operations. The requirements for monitoring, reporting, and financial assurances are clearly intended to protect public health and the environment.

However, I have several concerns from a resident perspective.

First, while the ordinance includes strong operational requirements, it also clearly establishes a framework for the siting and approval of solid waste and hazardous waste facilities within the village. This is a significant policy direction, and I am concerned that the ordinance focuses more on regulating such facilities rather than clearly defining whether they are appropriate for Harrison in the first place.

Second, the ordinance grants broad discretion to the Village Board in approving licenses and setting conditions. The public hearing process is described as “merely advisory,” which raises concerns about how much weight resident input will carry in future decisions that could significantly impact nearby neighborhoods.

Third, many of the standards used throughout the ordinance rely on flexible terms such as “reasonable,” “appropriate,” and “necessary.” While flexibility can be useful, it may also allow future interpretations that result in outcomes residents would not expect today, particularly regarding traffic, noise, and environmental impacts.

Fourth, although financial assurances such as bonding are included, it is not entirely clear how the Village and its residents would be protected in the event of long-term environmental issues, infrastructure damage, or unforeseen costs.

I do want to acknowledge that the ordinance includes strong provisions related to environmental monitoring, nuisance prevention, and operational accountability, which are important and beneficial.

Given these concerns, I respectfully request that the Board consider:

- Clarifying whether the intent of this ordinance is to allow or limit the siting of solid or hazardous waste facilities within the village
- Strengthening the role of public input in the decision-making process
- Defining clearer, more objective standards for approval, particularly regarding traffic, noise, and proximity to residential areas
- Providing greater transparency regarding long-term financial risks and protections for residents

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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