

Dear Village of Pinckney Council Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. As a collective group of business owners and property stakeholders in Pinckney, we wanted to take a moment to share our perspective on the current state of affairs within our community. It is our sincere hope that this communication serves as a catalyst for positive change and collaborative action.

First and foremost, we would like to express our gratitude for the assistance and support we have received from the Village of Pinckney. However, we feel compelled to address several pressing concerns that have come to our attention and are impacting our ability to thrive as a community.

Challenges with Zoning Approvals: Many, if not all of us, have encountered difficulties in obtaining approvals from the Village of Pinckney. Despite our best efforts, we have often been met with denials without being provided with clear guidance on alternative pathways for approval.

Restrictive Signage Ordinance: The implementation of the new signage ordinance has placed undue restrictions on businesses, hindering our ability to effectively promote our goods and services to the local community. The limitation to one sign per business and restrictions on the size of temporary signage for property listings have proven to be particularly burdensome.

Difficulty in Project Execution: When undertaking projects within the village, we have encountered significant challenges in engaging trades and securing bids. The perception among contractors is that Pinckney is a difficult place to navigate, leading to delays and increased costs for business owners.

Lengthy Approval Processes: The bureaucratic hurdles associated with approval processes have resulted in prolonged delays, often necessitating the involvement of engineers, lawyers, and other professionals. These delays not only incur substantial costs but also impede our ability to execute projects in a timely manner.

Challenges with Village Personnel: Many among our cohort have experienced adversities in our interactions with past and present Zoning Administrators. This individual typically serves as the primary point of contact for inquiries pertaining to business establishment and operation. Thus, finding an adept problem-solver,

possessing strong communication skills, and harboring a proactive positive attitude toward business development is paramount for this pivotal role.

In addition to these concerns, we must also address the broader issues affecting our community, such as declining business property values and stagnant growth. The perception among potential investors is that Pinckney lacks vitality and opportunities for development, which has a detrimental impact on our collective prosperity along with high costs associated with updating old buildings.

We write this letter to demonstrate a unity of our thoughts and concerns. Despite assertions to the contrary, it is evident that business owners and property stakeholders in Pinckney are deeply invested in the future of our community and share common challenges and aspirations. We hope that by reading this letter and seeing the signatures appended, any misperceptions regarding our collective sentiments will be dispelled.

As business owners deeply committed to the welfare of Pinckney, we are eager to collaborate with the Village and other stakeholders in identifying solutions that promote economic growth and community development. By reducing regulatory burdens, offsetting costs, and streamlining approval processes, we can create an environment that fosters innovation, prosperity and a welcoming feeling..

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns. We look forward to the opportunity to work together towards a brighter future for Pinckney.

Sincerely,

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