

RESOLUTION NO. 16-31

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood supports the construction of a parking deck on the Hudson Street lot, located at the corner of Hudson Street and South Broad Street; and

WHEREAS, the Village has conducted several studies and considered several parking deck designs; and

WHEREAS, Desman, Inc. has produced, shared and discussed with the Village Council, Village professionals and Village residents several proposed designs, beginning with its public presentation on October 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a non-binding referendum question was placed on the ballot for the November 3, 2015 election

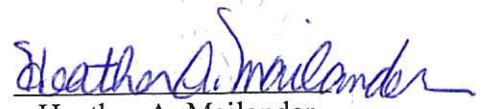
- a referendum question that read: *"Do you support a proposal to finance and build a downtown parking garage on the Hudson Street lot -- located on the corner of Hudson Street and South Broad Street -- by bonding up to \$15 million in public funds, which will be paid for principally -- if not entirely -- with parking revenues."*

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 3 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood, held this 27th day of January, 2016

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Hauck		X	X			
Knudsen				X		
Pucciarelli	X		X			
Sedon				X		
Aronsohn			X			



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Mayor



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- a referendum question that was accompanied by this interpretative statement: "This non-binding referendum seeks to gauge public sentiment regarding the development of a multi-level parking garage at the intersection of Hudson Street and South Broad Street. The purpose of the garage would be to provide additional parking options for commuters as well as Ridgewood residents and visitors, who are shopping and dining and utilizing services available in the central business district. Funding for the garage would come from one or more of the following sources: the Village's Parking Utility, the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, including New Jersey Transit. It is anticipated that the parking garage would provide a net increase of about 300 spaces at this location, while having no negative impact on local property taxes. (Parking revenues would be used to pay off debt associated with the project.)"
- a referendum question that was overwhelmingly adopted by a positive vote of 3,236 residents (65%); and

WHEREAS, public discussions since the November 3, 2015 vote have focused largely on issues related to the size, appearance and dimensions of the parking deck, as well as related traffic and on-street parking issues; and

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 with Village professionals, Village Council representatives and representatives from Desman, Inc. to redesign the parking deck to address most of the issues raised in those discussions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood hereby approves a parking deck design for the Hudson Street lot with the following criteria:

1. The parking deck would be developed along the lines discussed at the October 7, 2015 Village Council meeting (the second option considered during that meeting)
2. The parking deck would provide approximately 325 parking spots
3. The height of the parking deck would be approximately 46 feet to the parapet. (The height of the top of the building would be approximately 43 feet)

4. The parking deck would fit almost entirely within the current footprint of the Hudson Street parking lot, as follows:
 - (a) The parking deck would exceed the current footprint by no more than 5 feet, which would be mitigated by narrowing the sidewalks and/or Hudson Street
 - (b) The width of Hudson Street would be at least 25 feet wide, which would allow for three lanes -- two lanes of traffic and one lane of parking spots along the south side. (Currently, Hudson Street is 30 feet wide curb-to-curb and has three lanes -- one lane of traffic and two lanes of parking spots)
5. All current parking spots on the south side of Hudson Street would remain. Only 6 parking spots would be removed from the north side of Hudson Street
6. Unlike some of the previous parking deck designs considered by the Village Council, the parking deck would have neither a cantilever nor an arcade