

Support for Tattoo Shop (George)

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Hopefully this email is to the correct addresses.

I just wanted to express my support for the proposed Tattoo shop in Higganum Center. I respect the direction the town is going towards with "Center" and think a tattoo shop in no way is contrary to the plans. We are no longer in the 50s/60s when only criminals or rebellious citizens got tattoos. Although I've lived in Higganum for just shy of a year...I've spent the last 26 years serving as an Officer in the AF, I grew up in Middle Haddam, graduated Xavier and then the Air Force Academy, I am married and a father to two teen boys. I ALSO have multiple tattoos...does

what I have on my skin negate everything else and make me a non-desirable citizen/visitor to Higganum Center?!? I think not!!!

Why do people think we can discriminate against the type of store/shop? This is like saying, "I don't like coffee and those that drink it because they wake up too early...plus a coffee shop will cause too much early morning traffic!" Ridiculous...right? But that is basically the argument against this tattoo shop! Wouldn't it make more sense to establish widespread rules on parking/signage/hours/etc...enforce those rules...and allow the freedom of choice to all members of Higganum? If people don't want a tattoo, don't visit the shop (just like I don't go to the coffee shop at 0600!)

PLEASE support the approval for George to permanently set up his shop in Higganum Center!

Sincerely,