

## Constant Contact Survey Results

**Survey Name:** Survey - Hoodsport Public Restroom

**Response Status:** Partial & Completed

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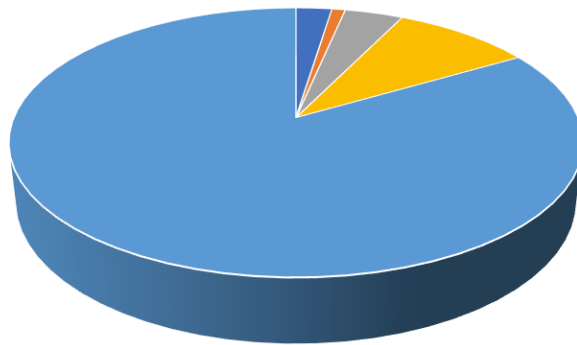
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1. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important it is to have a public restroom in downtown Hoodsport? (1 = unimportant)

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	<b>Completely Unimportant</b>	<b>Unimportant</b>	<b>Neither</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Incredibly Important</b>
	8	3	13	31	277
	2%	1%	4%	9%	83%

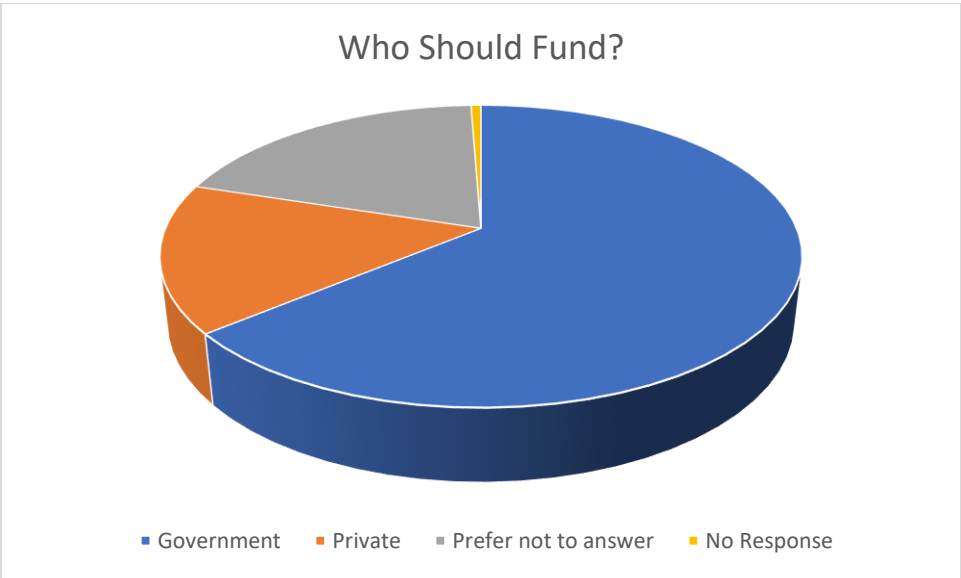
Importance of Restrooms



■ Completely Unimportant ■ Unimportant ■ Neither  
■ Important ■ Incredibly Important

**2. Do you think public restrooms should be government funded or privately funded?**

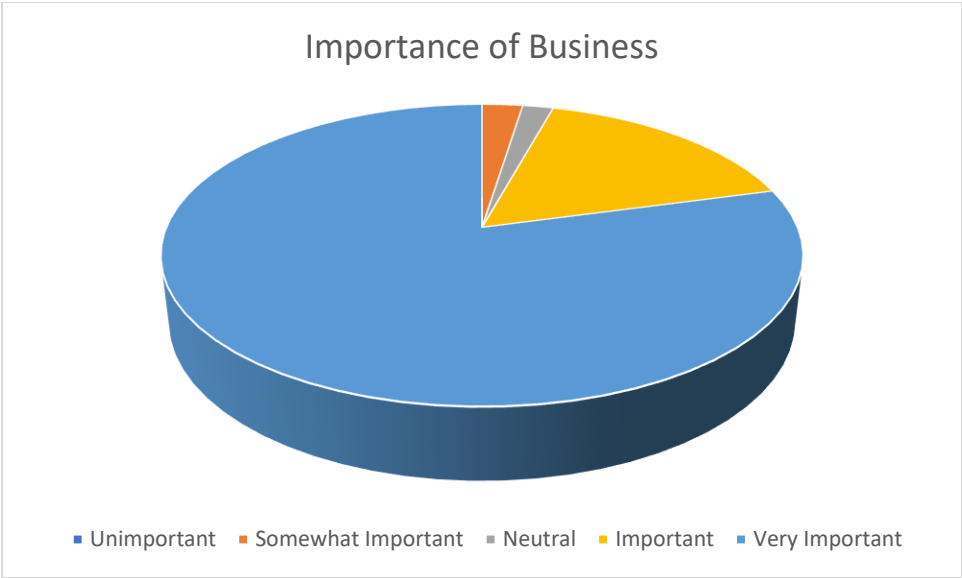
	<b>Number of Response(s)</b>	<b>Response Ratio</b>
Government	213	63.9%
Private	53	15.9%
Prefer not to answer	65	19.5%
No Responses	2	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>100%</b>



### 3. How important do you think the local business community is to Hoodsport's economy?

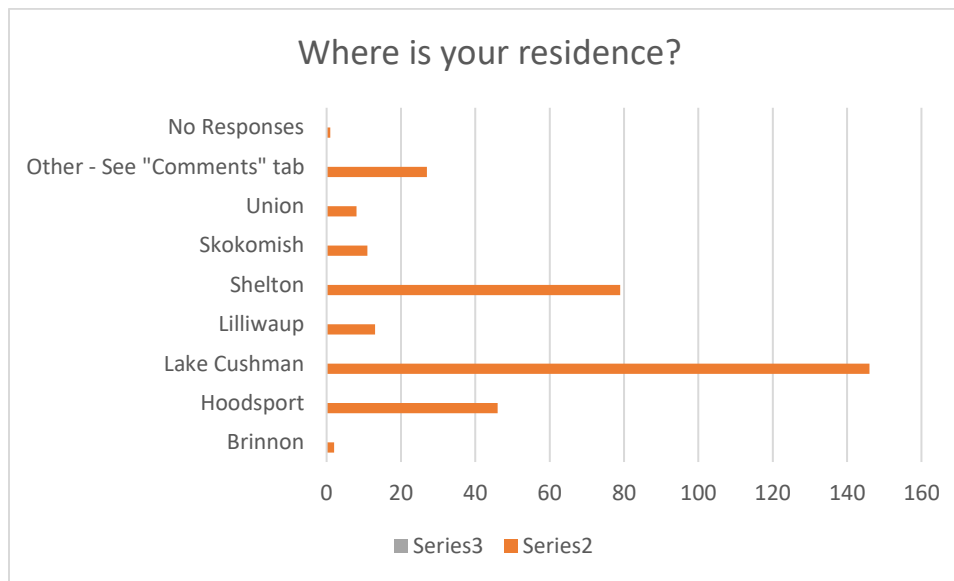
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	Unimportant	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Important	Very Important
	0	8	6	54	259
	0%	2%	2%	17%	79%



#### 4. Where is your residence?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Brinnon	2	<1%
Hoodsport	46	13.8%
Lake Cushman	146	43.8%
Lilliwaup	13	3.9%
Shelton	79	23.7%
Skokomish	11	3.3%
Union	8	2.4%
Other - See below	27	8.1%
No Responses	1	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>100%</b>

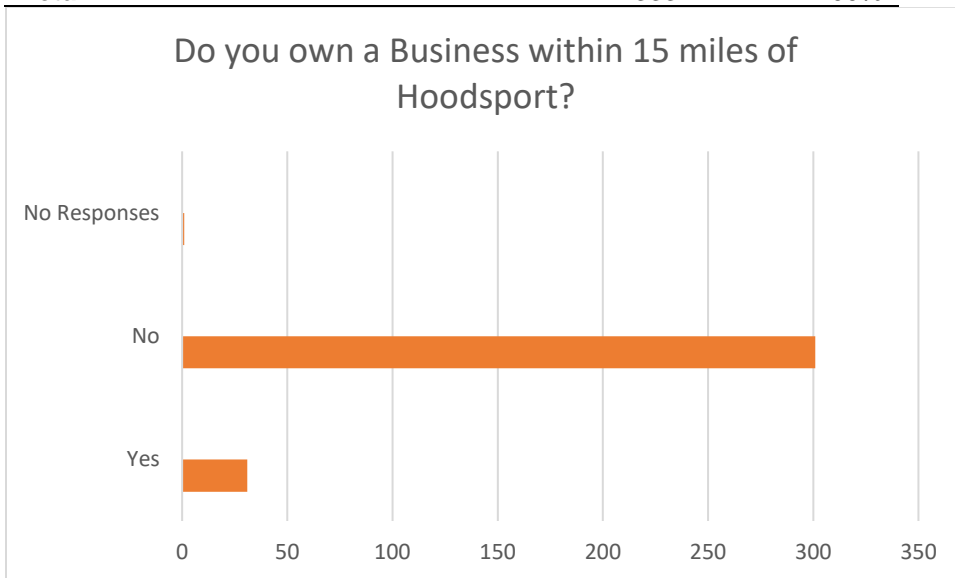


#### RESPONSES FOR "OTHER":

Belfair	Olympia, WA	Tacoma, but visit Hoodsport biweekly
Belfair	Olympia/PT @ Cushman	Thurston
Bremerton	Pickering	Tumwater
Coyle	Port Orchard	Tumwater
Gig Harbor, primary, Lake Cushman recreational	Potlatch	Turlock, CA (used to live near Hoodsport, though, and will visit again)
Grapeview	Poulsbo	Twanoh
Kitsap	Poulsbo with a cabin in doc 16	Vaughn
Lacey	Puyallup	visitor from out of state
North Mason	Seattle	
Olympia		

### 5. Do you own a business with a physical address within 15 miles of Hoodspport?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	31	9.3%
No	301	90.3%
No Response	1	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>100%</b>



### 6. Anything that you'd like to add in regards to public bathrooms in Hoodspport?

141 Response(s)

The port o potties are always disgusting. Same way the regular public bathrooms were. The ones by the gas station always stink. This is what the business's want?

Flush toilets please. The portable toilets are nasty.

Visitors need a clean bathroom with water to wash hands. The businesses cannot handle all the need for bathrooms. It's vital.

Close them at night.

As a homeowner I would be happy to be taxed to help with this.

I'm sure it is difficult and costly to maintain their cleanliness and safety, but I have been so appreciative of this amenity in Hoodspport as a local who frequents businesses that may not have a bathroom like the IGA. Wish more municipalities offered public bathrooms.

Last weekend I was driving down staircase road, pickup with a dirt bike in the bed, was pulled over but blocking traffic peeing Not something I wanted to see. There were at least 3 cars blocked behind him

With all the walk around shops vital to our small Hoodspport economy I think it's essential to have public rest rooms.

If we don't have public restrooms/porta potties the tourists will make their own. They really don't have any respect, so things need to be stupid simple. Just like the dumpsters, put it up, they will use it.

Maybe look at the feasibility of a pay for use facility

We always stop in Hoodspport for bathrooms. Traveling to Lake Cushman, this is a must stop potty break for our little children. There are not many other places along 101 or Cushman Rd to stop.

Just be nice if they were funded like rest stops along I-5

It's few and far between on the 101.... Don't need people copping a squat on the side of the road.

They are very much needed. Some of us have disabilities which require that there be an accessible bathroom nearby at all times, and this would be a blessing for those people, like myself. I cannot convey the level of anxiety and frustration when you need a bathroom and have to hope you can make it home in time.

Bathrooms at IGA are not open Ace Hardware has bathrooms that are not open to public

I think people use the private restaurant bathrooms (e.g., Mexican restaurant or the Burger Stand porta potty), and I don't think it's appropriate to put that expense on the businesses.

Tourism is an important seasonal economic driver. It's definitely important for all, but especially families, women and older adults to have available toilets. My preference would be something akin to a rest stop with regular cleaning and stocking.

Public bathrooms are a must in all towns. If we can't access a bathroom easily, especially when many restaurants and stores are not allowing access during COVID, makes them even more essential.

I have a very hard time traveling to places where I know there are not proper bathroom facilities.

They are there, open them up. Same person rust waters the grass and plants across the street can keep the bathrooms clean and stocked.

If you want people to come and shop you have to have somewhere for them to use the bathroom.

frankly, I have a small bladder and driving from Seattle to the property up at Mt Rose div, I have had to use the public facilities by the grocery store a lot. Really grateful for it. I have found in any tourist location its extremely important to have public facilities. It's also been a huge issue when my dad had prostate cancer. Super important.

Yeah we need flush toilets in Hoodspport because of all the tourist that come here, those of us who live here can make it home to use the bathroom. But tourist will use the woods and leave human waste and TP along the trails etc

Do not have enough information to be able to answer #2

When has there ever been to restrooms.

Public restrooms are important in a community where there is so much drive through traffic. It also gives people a reason to stop and support the local businesses.

It is essential that we have bathrooms for travelers who visit or passing through to another destination. It's too far and few places in between. We don't want someone defecating on someone's property because they could not find a proper restroom.

The availability of public restrooms makes a visit to any shopping or tourist area more attractive. It's nice to know that we don't have to find a business that lets the public use their facilities.

Public restrooms in Hoodspport are very much needed!! We have a 5 yro grand daughter we took fishing in Hoodspport and we were desperate for a public bathroom for her to use. Not one single business cared nor let us use their facilities for a small child. Public bathrooms -- especially during busy fishing and summer season are an ABSOLUTE NECESSITY!!

Public Bathrooms should only be provided if the public respects their right to use them and helps keep them clean. Also providing there is no ongoing drug use in them, when that happens close em up!

We need nice, well-maintained public bathrooms in Hoodspport, whether funded through taxes or privately. (I'd be in favor of taxes being used for them.) They're a very basic way to welcome people to the area, and to keep our environment clean. They demonstrate to local citizens and to guests that we have class and pride.

Those porta potties are not well kept. They are disgusting. I use other porta potties without issue, but not those!

Our family loves coming here b the reality is that it is a drive for us and with a both room available in Hoodspport that is clean we are able to walk the shops and enjoy the City before we drive up to our cabin in the Lake Cushman community. There is also a lot of camping and it is nice for those people to wash up before they come into shops.

Bathrooms give people a reason to stop in Hoodspport otherwise they will continue moving and will not purchase anything at nearby stores.

It is only common sense that visitors to our community should have a clean restroom available, which is as much a sign of welcomes' as friendly merchants.

I think joint funding, by government and local business, would be best.

It would be nice if all the businesses would chip in and fund a public bathroom and the cleaning and maintenance. It would keep the tourist in town. It would also help in keeping the homeless populations pollution down.

Although the survey didn't give me the option, I would like to see a public restroom that is supported by both local business and government. The ones they have now are disgusting and not kept up. Why are the ones in the building not usable?

use sanicans. The permanent restroom facility was a big mistake. No drain field options. A problem with a sanican can be dealt with quickly and easily. Not much use in the winter. Much cheaper.

I own a travel grooming and training business and come up to Lake Cushman Hoodspport at lease twice a month. Most of my clients are on the mountain of Lake Cushman so using a restroom is easy with the local grocery store up there. Clean, easy parking and not crowded. Folks not from around here leave messes, trash, and other bi-hazards with no concern

Public restrooms are important to attract families, increasing business and tourism. As a mother, they also need to be designed with changing stations, enough room for strollers and hooks for diaper bags, shopping bags, and purchases.

Fixing the existing bathrooms seems like a way easier solution than starting over at new location, better use of public funds

As a boater, we use this facility all the time. Would be happy to have a paid feature to use it.

Use them every time we go through Hoodspport

We've only been here a year, but Hoodspport has those nice restrooms, why not use them.

Please keep them you never know when it's you that will need them

It is especially important to handicap persons.

With all the warm weather visitors to Hoodspport, I think a public restroom is mandatory. We're similar to Westport, but on a smaller scale, and they have a large public restroom and are adding another.

The more the better!

For hygiene safety for the town, and residents. Nothing is worse than going to a town with no public restrooms. Also isn't a long way to the next town if you're traveling.

I thought there were some at the market parking lot. I think it is very important especially since there are so many people that come and don't have property here. I think it needs to be jointly funded by the businesses and the town. Frequent cleaning in summer and less in winter.

People who visit Hoodsport are always asking where to find a restroom when they visit my workplace. As a person who suffers with digestive issues, I know I have had to use these same facilities in the 6 months that I have lived here. I think it is a good investment in our community.

They are very convenient since even before or after COVID there were no public restroom from Potlatch to Hoodsport.

If these are removed the next nearest restroom are honey buckets in Skok or honey buckets in Brinnon Well I forgot about Potlatch State Park.

It all depends on upkeep.

With so many places to shop in Hoodsport, the public restrooms are very handy!

We travel through on a monthly basis and use the restrooms regularly esp. Since many businesses currently don't have public restrooms due to the pandemic.

Definitely need bathroom available for people in town

I have used it many times when traveling and shopping up there. Also, with my children. Please do not close that restroom.

Supports tourism within Mason County

The public restrooms are why I stop & shop & take a moment to visit stores in Hoodsport on my way back from hiking.

When we stop at the store to shop in Hoodsport I feel very lucky to have bathroom facilities there as a lot of people have sometimes spent a long drive to get there and it is nice to have facilities if you need them... I have sat in the parking lot and those porta potties are very very busy!!

I think it's a good idea for the business owners that there are public restrooms outside of their establishment

A source of reliable funding to repair, maintain cleanliness, is government funding. Large count of traveling tourist requires restrooms. Private businesses cannot afford security, water costs and disruption to let visitors use their restrooms.

I think government or private funding for some public restrooms is important.

Often when traveling Hwy 101 the restrooms have been an important (emergency) stop (for kids & elders). Possibly install a paybox to help fund it? Possibly a public/private partnership with Pt of Hoodsport, business owners, WSDOT, Mason Co., whatever it takes to qualify for grant funding.

I like knowing they are there as I've used them before traveling in and out of Cushman Thank you

My family and I have used the restrooms many times on our way to our property at lake Cushman as well as when we are visiting the shops and grocery store in Hoodsport. It is so convenient, and we are glad it's there.

When public restrooms are not available people go anywhere they can. I have seen them behind buildings on the beach between cars and it doesn't matter if they are male or female.



These need to be open. Too many local businesses are not allowing the public to use their restrooms right now and it's been an issue with our children on numerous occasions.

Not really sure that public restrooms are necessary as when I go to a restaurant or stores they generally have restrooms for customers. I don't really know the homeless situation there but if that's not an issue then no not necessary but if there is a homeless population then yes because don't want people going potty on the side of the road.

With coronavirus they need to be maintained hourly. \$\$\$

I often drive to Tacoma for work or to visit my elderly mother. Having a clean restroom in Hoodspport is very convenient and often needed on my way back to Cushman! It also makes it easier to hang out in Hoodspport which serves the businesses well.

I am a resident. I am old and frequently need a restroom quickly. Several times there has been empty toilet paper dispenser.

I just can't go anywhere without a restroom. If the library is closed, it is rough for me.

Bathrooms are important EVERYWHERE people need to be able to go to the bathroom no matter where they are <3

Get em

Since there are not very many local businesses in Hoodspport a public bathroom is a necessity.

I rely on this restroom when in the area. I often make a gas or grocery purchase as well. Or stop for an ice cream. I think Shelton should have a comfort station by as well.

This is a good question. If we are a vacation spot or a place to stop on the way up 101, a public restroom is an important amenity.

Spring, Fall & Winter very important. Summer extremely necessary!

I will have to go in the bushes if they are removed

Those bathrooms saved us many times

It's such a cute little town & when you have a family it's inconvenient when somebody has to go & there is nowhere to go.

It took many years for us to get the restroom. I seriously hope you are not planning to take it out.

The population has a lot of elderly and a public restroom is a necessity.

I use the Hoodspport public restrooms on my way back from Port Angeles. I travel Hood Canal multiple times a month.

They so need to have or keep bathrooms please.

It gives people an excuse to stop in Hoodspport and to possibly shop and spend money in our businesses.

I'd just like the pizza parlor to be open more and deliver

Not only does it help businesses to have tourists in roadtrippers stopped to use the bathroom but it helps the residents as well.

Public restrooms are not necessary nor are they any kind of right for tourists or patrons in a town full of septic tanks... the area itself cannot handle that kind of use. Considering the pandemic in play right now, public restrooms should be shut down in town immediately. The discussion should be about a sewage system for Hoodspport

People have a biological need & human right to public toilets. If people are in the area, a publicly funded, accessible toilet is a must. (Kind of a no-brainer..)

Hoodsport is quite isolated, having public restrooms makes sense in that more people will stop and shop, will stay longer and sort of makes it a pit stop along a journey. Local small businesses have tiny septic systems that cannot support a large volume of visitors to their restrooms.

Na

My family and I have relied on these restrooms on almost every trip through the area from Olympia to our destinations on the Olympic Peninsula and beyond.

Problem- people today don't respect property and use the restrooms with respect

Public bathrooms are an essential service needed by all folks including the most marginalized amongst us.

Public bathrooms would take pressure off local businesses to maintain bathrooms, make it easier to spend extended time shopping there, and ensure the streets stay tidy.

I've heard these bathrooms are disgusting. And dirty. There should be some hired to keep up on the cleaning and sanitation of them.

It just makes sense! People will shop more. Makes the town more "user friendly" and causes people to stop and shop.

Comes in handy for meals on wheels and other delivery services during this mostly delivery time.

Who will keep them maintained?

So many places are closed and a lot of tourist travel through Hoodsport. People need a place to relieve themselves

A lot of people come to and through Hoodsport, especially in the summer. I know when I travel I sure do appreciate public restrooms that are kept clean. Often, I end up going to Starbucks or McDonalds in a pinch, when I cannot find a public restroom.

Hoodsport and Lake Cushman are beautiful places and I know I'll be back since I have family who live there. When we visit, we'll almost certainly stop by the antique stores, wine merchants, and so on. I remember that there was only one port-a-potty behind a cafe and that was pretty much it for using the bathroom while shopping. Needs improvement!

With the amount of people that Hwy 101 brings through Hoodsport I think it would bring more business to the town also

I think if there's a community bathroom, the funding could be split among the taxpayers and private businesses, especially given the extra costs of cleaning right now. I do think they are important for tourists. Occasionally the need arises for locals as well. If a customer leaves because there's no place to go, that's business lost.

Restrooms aid the business and the customer in the fact that people will extend their shopping excursions when there is a restroom available instead of deciding to order online or just shop for the basic essentials so they can get home or leave to find a restroom somewhere else.

Very convenient when visiting

Every town needs public bathrooms

Public bathrooms provide a safe and sanitary place for people to urinate or defecate. They help keep the environment cleaner and safer. They help keep people cleaner and safer. They ought to be everywhere, ESPECIALLY places with high tourist traffic and little amenities.

Tourism is vital part of Mason County's economy and Hoodsport is an important branch. Without public bathrooms tourists have to ask businesses to use their bathrooms and if they refuse they give a poor impression and possibly lose customers. Tax funded public bathrooms alleviate responsibility from business while providing important public service.

Hoodsport needs a public restroom as it's a touristy place!

It's a nice break to stop and the convenience of it right next to the store is perfect, me and my wife always shop when stopping there,

If you have shopping and want people to stop and spend money you need to provide restrooms.

No

In a civilized society there are public restrooms and there is also access to the beautiful vistas that the land has to offer. Both are for the public good. Therefore, should be paid for with our tax dollars.

Bathrooms are a public access necessity.

What a ridiculous question.

If that bathrooms closed the grocery store parking lot will just be filled with people needing to go pee.... it's a very useful location. During road trips for us locals. It would be nice if you could magically charge all the damn Seattle yuppies that clog up the roads and throw trash all over. Idm what THEY would do without that bathroom...

I imagine that if there are NO public restrooms available to humans coming through town, we WILL see an upswing in use of private parks, roadsides, and parking lots as bathrooms.

I was raised in Hoodspport, my parents were still there until their passing I've seen how frequently rather restrooms outside of the IGA are used and now that I no longer have a home in Hoodspport but still visit frequently and patronize local businesses, I myself use those restrooms

Disgusting dirty and/or out of service public restrooms reflect horribly on the town of Hoodspport. Please PLEASE know how grateful we are that you are exploring this!

If you expect tourists, you've got to have 24/7 public restrooms. Who can linger in a shop if they're desperate to find a bathroom? I might want to stop at an art gallery or a gift shop, but if I need to use a restroom I'll stop at a restaurant, buy a quick cup of coffee (likely nothing else) just to use the bathroom.

We have second home lake Cushman and have a long drive and the public restrooms are a godsend before reaching our residence

Hoodspport used have a very active group of Business Owners. With holiday parades, BBQ, community activities but now nothing...

No bathroom and so many tourists. Very difficult in the businesses.

Would love to see them open back up. Hate using the sanacans. Nice to use before going into the store

Every destination area bathrooms are a necessity. All business do not have facilities.

I think the government should provide tax credit incentive for private businesses to offer and maintain public restrooms

They are important for tourists and residents. You can't always plan your bathroom needs.

Why would you even consider getting rid of the bathrooms? Your creating an issue when there is not needed. Tax dollars are used to support the bathrooms. Get a better grant writer if you think your spending too much to maintain them!

I often use the public restroom in the grocery parking lot in Hoodspport. Public restrooms are very important for public health and water quality protection. Closing public restrooms would likely place an additional burden on local businesses as well as the bushes adjacent to highway pull outs

This is ridiculous. We all need to go to the bathroom. Let's keep it that way.

Unfortunately, our little town does not have a park or gas station where people can relieve themselves or freshen up. I've witnessed people getting sick in the parking lot at the IGA. It's a health risk not to be able to have access to a public bathroom.

I live in Colony Surf, Lilliwaup, and travelers down Hwy 101 have been using our private boat launch porta potty this summer. Not acceptable! Nowhere for them to go. They make a mess we have to clean up all the time. We pay dues to have it at our boat launch for our residents.

Expecting tourist to shop means someone is going to need a bathroom. Don't care if private or public funding.

I think it's important to have public restrooms available in Hoodspout as the area draws people to enjoy the beautiful outdoor recreation, then people seek out places to eat and shop. For those just passing thru, they may need a restroom and then discover what else Hoodspout has to offer. I also would be willing to pay additional taxes to support.

We definitely need more on 101. Sometimes it's a desperate need!

Yes. If you want people to come and shop or eat at your establishment you should have a bathroom. I mean where do you expect people to use the restroom after they leave their homes. And like right now no one has a dam bathroom to use because of the epidemic. The bathroom is no different than letting everyone come in your store but not your bathroom

I've had property at Cushman since 1966. I actually live in Auburn, WA. I've seen many changes. It seems more people are finding the area. Having good facilities benefit all!