
Public Comment for the November 17, 2025 City Council Meeting, Item 17A

From Brad Scott [REDACTED] >
Date Mon 11/17/2025 9:30 AM
To City Clerk <cityclerk@hermosabeach.gov>

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To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council:

I am writing to express my continued concern regarding the current resident parking permit limitations within the coastal restricted parking zone. The existing two-permit cap for places a significant and unnecessary hardship on families with multiple drivers or households that rely on several vehicles for work, school, and daily responsibilities. Larger families, in particular, are being forced into constant logistical struggles that residents in other parts of the city simply do not face.

The policy also fails to recognize the need for flexibility in determining which car is parked in a garage or driveway. Residents should not be penalized for simply wanting the freedom to choose which vehicles are parked on or near their property.

I would also ask the Council to consider how residents citywide would react if the same parking restrictions were imposed across all neighborhoods, if every residential neighborhood in Hermosa had parking meters and households were suddenly limited to two cars parked on the street overnight, there would undoubtedly be a strong public outcry. Yet because this restriction applies only to a small coastal area, the hardship has been minimized and dismissed.

Residents in the restricted parking zone are not asking for anything excessive. We are asking for fairness, flexibility, and relief from unnecessary bureaucracy. The Council should vote to allow additional permanent permits beyond the current limit of two without requiring a separate application or justification process.

I also feel it is important to address the misrepresentation presented by Councilmember Jackson at the last meeting, who argued that increasing the limit from 2 to 3 permanent permits would allow residents to obtain 9 parking permits by using the example of properties in the restricted parking zone having four on-site parking spaces and a driveway that would qualify for a driveway permit. In reality, few if any homes in the coastal restricted parking zone have on-site parking for four vehicles, and only a limited number of properties qualify for a driveway permit. Most of these properties are small and have room for one or two on-site vehicle parking

at most. Councilmember Jackson's statement was misleading and detracts from the real issue, which is that residents are being unfairly restricted and unfairly characterized.

The tone of this policy and of some public discussion surrounding it has left many residents feeling that the City Council's approach is punitive rather than collaborative. I urge the Council to take a more balanced, understanding view and to support a practical solution that reflects the realities of living in this area. Specifically, I encourage the Council to approve Option B, which would allow residents to obtain a third or fourth permanent parking permit without additional applications, subjective review, or bureaucratic hurdles. This simple adjustment would go a long way toward restoring fairness, reducing frustration, and showing residents that the Council values their quality of life as much as it values orderly policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Scott

Hermosa Beach Resident since 1995

Fw: Strong Support for Increasing Household Parking Permits

From Ann Yang <anny@hermosabeach.gov>

Date Mon 11/17/2025 10:03 AM

To Myra Maravilla <mmaravilla@hermosabeach.gov>; Reanna Guzman <rguzman@hermosabeach.gov>; Ariana Rodriguez <arodriguez@hermosabeach.gov>

Cc Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@hermosabeach.gov>; Brandon Walker <bwalker@hermosabeach.gov>; Paul Avila <pavila@hermosabeach.gov>

FYI - Written communication for parking item.

From: Jules Brownell [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 4:42 PM

To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabeach.gov>; Ann Yang <anny@hermosabeach.gov>; Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@hermosabeach.gov>

Subject: Strong Support for Increasing Household Parking Permits

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Dear HB City Council,

I'm writing as a daughter living in a multigenerational Hermosa Beach household, and as a mother of two young boys who will soon be part of our school system. My family lives, works, shops, and contributes fully to this community every single day. Because of that, I want to express my strong support for increasing the number of parking permits to five per household without additional restrictions or bureaucratic hurdles.

Hermosa Beach is going through a real transition right now. Young families like mine are returning and putting down roots, long time homes are staying within families, and many households look very different from the traditional model our old parking policies were designed around. In our home alone, we balance multiple work schedules, childcare arrangements, and the needs of three generations living under one roof. This isn't unusual anymore—it's becoming the norm.

A single Hermosa Beach home today may include:

- Parents with two full work schedules and two cars
- Grandparents or relatives helping with childcare
- Adult children living at home as they navigate career transitions or high housing costs
- Parents of young children who rely on frequent support from visiting family
- Households with hybrid or alternating work-from-home/office schedules, all requiring accessible parking

These are ordinary, everyday realities—not "special circumstances" that residents should have to prove or justify. Requiring families to document why they "deserve" parking spots not only adds stress, but also ignores how modern families function and the very people Hermosa Beach has always valued. Raising the limit to five permits per household—with no complicated verification layers—would:

- Reduce administrative strain on the city
No appeals, no subjective decisions, no unnecessary staff work.
- Provide fairness and consistency
Every household would be treated equally, without arbitrary distinctions.
- Support young families and multigenerational homes
These are the residents who want to stay and invest in Hermosa Beach long-term.
- Strengthen neighborhood safety and quality of life
Families shouldn't be forced to park blocks away late at night or spend time circling streets simply because the policy no longer reflects how people live.

For households like mine—who have lived here for decades and hope to raise the next generation here—this decision matters deeply. Updating the permit limit to five is a simple change that will significantly improve daily life for so many families who love this city.

Thank you for taking the time to reconsider this issue and for keeping resident voices at the center of your decision making. I hope Monday's vote reflects a modern, family friendly, community minded approach that keeps Hermosa Beach livable for the families who call it home.

Best,

Jules Brownell

— Proud Hermosa Beach family since 1951

FW:

From Myra Maravilla <mmaravilla@hermosabeach.gov>
Date Mon 11/17/2025 12:18 PM
To Ariana Rodriguez <arodriguez@hermosabeach.gov>

Hi Ariana, please include the email below as a supplemental email for item 17.a.

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From: Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@hermosabeach.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:45 AM
Cc: Myra Maravilla <mmaravilla@hermosabeach.gov>; Reanna Guzman <rguzman@hermosabeach.gov>; Brandon Walker <bwalker@hermosabeach.gov>; Ann Yang <anny@hermosabeach.gov>
Subject: FW:

Good Morning Mayor and Council, the email below regarding a fourth parking permit was sent to me and it was unclear that it was ever addressed to any of you, so I'm sharing it with you and staff to include in communications received on Item 17a. Sorry to clutter your inbox if you've already received it...

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From: Katy Jessen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 4:09 PM
To: Steve Napolitano <snapolitano@hermosabeach.gov>
Subject:

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Subject: Support for Approving the Fourth Parking Permit Without Restrictions

Dear HB Council,

I want to strongly encourage the Council to approve the fourth parking permit without restrictions or additional bureaucratic requirements.

Hermosa Beach is experiencing a meaningful shift right now:

young families are returning, homes are being passed down through multiple generations, and many households are supporting transitions such as new babies, shared childcare, blended families, or adult children returning home. These are exactly the types of residents the city has always valued, and they are the ones most affected by the current limitations.

The challenge is that modern families do not look like they did when the original parking policies were created.

A single Hermosa Beach home may now include:

- Parents with two work schedules and two cars
- A grandparent helping with childcare
- An adult child temporarily living at home
- Visiting family members rotating in to support a new baby or medical situation
- Couples with hybrid jobs who need vehicles at home on alternating days

These situations are normal—not extraordinary—and they do not fit neatly into a rigid “proof of need” requirement.

Requiring residents to justify everyday family life or submit documentation about how many cars they “deserve” is not only burdensome; it’s out of sync with the reality of how people live today. A straightforward fourth permit would help ensure stability for families who are trying to make Hermosa Beach their long-term home.

Approving the fourth permit without restrictions would:

- Reduce administrative strain on the city

No appeals, no verifications, no staff hours spent analyzing parking layouts.

- Treat all households equally and fairly

Avoiding subjective or inconsistent determinations.

- Support the young families and generational homes that the city says it wants to retain

Parking should not be the reason a family can’t comfortably live in—or return to—Hermosa Beach.

- Promote safety and sanity in neighborhoods

Residents shouldn’t have to circle blocks at night or park far from home simply because of an outdated policy.

I’m grateful that you the Council is reconsidering this measure, and I hope Monday’s final decision reflects a modern, family-friendly, and community-centered approach. A fourth permit without restrictions would make a meaningful difference for us and for many others in similar situations.

Thank you again for your support and for keeping the voices of residents at the forefront of this decision.

Katy Jenssen



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