

**City Council Meeting
April 8, 2025**

Agenda Item	Name	Email	Comment	Position	Attachment URL
<p>REQUEST FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (TA 25-01), PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF TEMPORARY USES AND EVENTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, AMENDING HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE (HBMC): 1) CHAPTER 17.04 - 25-CDD-054</p>	<p>Laura Pena</p>	<p>lpskin415@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dear Mayor, Council, and Staff - I recommend including mobile homes as temporary residences (17.42.150 A2.) for multi-family development projects not just new single-family homes which offers several practical, equitable, and policy-aligned benefits.</p> <p>Encourages Owner-Initiated Development: Allowing temporary on-site living supports property owners who are actively involved in developing or redeveloping their property. Whether it's a new duplex, triplex, or larger multi-family structure, this provision creates a more inclusive policy for owner-builders and small-scale infill developers.</p> <p>Supports Housing and Reduces Displacement: Staying on-site in a mobile home reduces the financial burden on property owners who might otherwise need to pay for temporary housing while incurring construction costs. This is especially important for property owners focused on adding attainable housing.</p> <p>Improves Project Oversight and Timeliness: Owners who reside on-site can more closely monitor construction progress, reduce delays, and coordinate with contractor, often resulting in more efficient project delivery and fewer complaints.</p> <p>Consistency Across Use Types: Limiting this provision to single-family homes creates an artificial and unnecessary distinction. Many major remodels and multi-family projects involve construction scopes that also preclude safe habitation. Aligning policy across use types ensures fairness and recognizes the intensity of modern construction.</p> <p>Aligns with Broader Housing Goals: This minor zoning flexibility supports broader goals around infill housing, missing middle development, and streamlined project delivery, particularly in our city where we continually face housing shortages or under pressure from state housing mandates.</p> <p>I appreciate your thoughtful consideration. Laura Pena</p>	<p>No Position</p>	

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<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>tony higgins</p>	<p>tony.higgins123@gmail.com</p>	<p>please see heads_should_roll pdf above. thank you anthony higgins</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>https://pub-hermosabeach.escibemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=9629</p>

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<p>CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION FOR SENATE BILL 79 (WIENER) - 25-CMO-029</p>	<p>Jeff Kiernan</p>	<p>jkiernan@calcities.org</p>	<p>Thank you for considering an opposition position on SB 79. Cal Cities is working to inform our members about this bad bill as it would take away local land use control on properties owned by transit agencies without requiring ANY housing to be built. Local elected and appointed city leaders in consultation with the community should determine the height, density, and design of local development projects - not transit agencies!</p>	<p>For</p>	

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SIDE LETTER TO THE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - 25-AS-032	Anthony Higgins	tonyhiggins77@yahoo.com	<p>Dear City Council,</p> <p>Im all for a uniform allowance for line-level sworn officers who may experience extreme wear & tear on their uniforms as a function of their day to day duties. But if in reading this right and the city is giving a \$1000 annual uniform allowance to Chiefs & Captains that already make between \$300-500 in total compensation; well i think that deserves a closer look.</p> <p>tony higgins</p>	Against	
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