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**Subject:** Comment regarding 7.27.21 HB City Council Meeting, Item XIII.b.  
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Eddie,

Thank you.

Kathy...

Re: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 12.42 TO THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO REPAIR THE SIDEWALK AREA ABUTTING THEIR REAL PROPERTY

Everyone has the right to walk in a public Sidewalk Area. The city of Hermosa Beach currently maintains public Sidewalk Areas and is liable for all injuries and damages to the public from the city's failure to properly maintain the Sidewalk Area.

This ordinance will require current property owners whose real property abuts the Sidewalk Area to now take responsibility for maintaining, repairing and replacing the Sidewalk Area and pay all costs even though the damage may have been caused by the city (i.e. parkway trees) or the previous property owners.

Most important... This ordinance may also impose liability on the property owner for any person's injuries and damages while in the Sidewalk Area abutting the owner's property. Possibility the property owner's insurance may not cover a person's injuries and damages if they occur on public property.

In addition we believe this ordinance and date/time of HB City Council public hearing should have been noticed to all Hermosa Beach property owners.

All of us are long time Hermosa Beach property owners. For the above mentioned reasons we oppose this ordinance as written.

Thank you.

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