

July 2, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
July 9, 2002

ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Objective:

To provide information for possible consideration of a policy change involving encroachments involving only at grade paving.

Background:

During the discussion of the encroachment permit for Golden Avenue, a comment was made as to what interest the City has in requiring an encroachment permit for private use or development of the area adjacent to the developed street or sidewalk. The policy has been that no encroachment permit is required for landscaping and it is proposed that this be extended to include paving materials such as interlocking pavers, bricks or concrete. This would eliminate a need for an encroachment permit, reducing both staff time and residents need to provide a drawing and provide insurance.

Planters, steps, or other improvements would still require the issuance of an encroachment permit in accordance with the existing provisions contained in the code.

Recommendation:

1. That the City Council approve a policy change by directing that at grade improvements that involve paving such as interlocking pavers, bricks, concrete, etc. shall not be subject to issuance of an encroachment permit.
2. That the City Attorney return with an amendment to the code to implement the policy change.

Respectfully submitted,

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