

April 5, 2005

Honorable Mayor and Members of the  
Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
April 12, 2005

**APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, EXEMPTING  
AVA AVENUE, BETWEEN 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET AND ITS SOUTHERLY TERMINUS, FROM THE SIDEWALK  
REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 12.08.010 GENERAL REQUIREMENT OF  
CHAPTER 12.08 STREET, SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE**

**Recommendation:**

The Public Works Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, EXEMPTING AVA AVENUE, BETWEEN 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET AND ITS SOUTHERLY TERMINUS, FROM THE SIDEWALK REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 12.08.010 GENERAL REQUIREMENT OF CHAPTER 12.08 STREET, SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE".

**Background:**

On March 23, 2005, the Public Works Commission considered a petition from residents on Ava Avenue requesting that their street be exempt from requiring the construction of a sidewalk during a rebuild or remodel of private property. Below is a list of the reasons why they want the exemption:

- Ava Avenue is a dead-end street with very low traffic volumes and low speeds.
- Properties fronting on Ava Avenue also have frontage on Ardmore Avenue or Springfield Avenue, both of which have nearly continuous sidewalks. They therefore consider Ava Avenue more like an alley with very little pedestrian traffic.
- Lot sizes are very small and exempting sidewalk will allow garage setbacks to 17 feet from the back of curb in lieu of back of sidewalk, which adds build-able square footage.

The Public Works Commission received public comment and voted unanimously in support the residents' request for the sidewalk exemption.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

Attachments: 1. Residents' Request & Petition  
2. PW Commission Meeting Minutes  
3. Draft Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

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Stephen R. Burrell  
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