

CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH
MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 5, 2007
TO: CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: SAM EDGERTON, MAYOR
SUBJECT: CHANGE IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW PERMITS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL EVENTS TO BE HOSTED AT THEIR HOMES TWICE A YEAR.



This proposal would provide that a resident could request two permits per year per household. The permits would allow wedding, graduation parties, etc. to go on until 12:00 midnight. The permits would be issued by the Police Department and would allow live entertainment up to 12:00 midnight. Permits would be issued only on Friday and Saturday nights and each permit would require a deposit of \$500.00. The deposit would be forfeited if the police have to close the event/party down after 12:00 midnight. The person getting the permit must be on site during the event/party and available should there be a reason to contact him or her during the event. If all of the conditions of the permit are met the deposit would be returned. Permits must be applied for at least one week before the event/party. The permittee would be required to provide notice on their block showing the date of party, time from blank to 12:00 midnight and the telephone number of the host of event/party. This information would also be given to dispatch so in the event that there is a call about the event/party they will be able to tell the caller they have a permit and that it will end at 12:00 midnight.

This permit system would add some ability for residents wishing to host an event/ party at their home in a planned and responsible way. It would also provide the information to both the police department and dispatch that there will be an event/party, who is hosting it and when it will end.

I would ask the City Manager and City Attorney to return with an amendment to the code to allow this program.