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Venue: Council meeting of Apr. 24, Comm. from the Public

Subject: Revise Parking Requirements/Ratios, and Moratorium

Honorable Councilmembers:

I believe that in many cases our restaurant parking requirement of one space per 100 square feet is way too low.

When a new restaurant downtown, or an expansion, builds parking or pays for "in-lieu" parking, they provide or pay for one parking space for each 100 square feet of new floor space. Unfortunately, in Hermosa many restaurants operate in a way that allows that 100 square feet to hold enough patrons to fill 3 - 5 (or even more) parking spaces. As a result, each time a new space is built or paid for, it will represent a new deficit of 2 - 4 spaces. And those 2 - 4 cars will be parking in the surrounding neighborhoods, further and further from the downtown, spreading the already-bad problems of late night disturbance and no parking spots for residents.

Please study this issue, and consider a ratio of one space per 50 or 35 square feet for high intensity restaurant uses. And, since new projects are coming forward at a rapid pace, please place a moratorium on any new downtown restaurant projects until the study has been completed.

Thank you,



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