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Dear council members,

As a longtime loyal customer of Emporio Rulli ("Rulli's") for the past nearly 30 years, I am writing to protest Larkspur Resolution 62/22, which became effective earlier this week on 11/06/2023. This recent development mandating that all businesses on our beloved Magnolia Avenue pay an encroachment fee per square foot of the public right of way use in order to continue dining on a small portion of the sidewalk has left many of Rulli's customers deeply concerned and, frankly, astonished! This new ordinance means Rulli's would be required to pay the City a fee of \$1800/month to be able to offer outdoor dining! We believe this decision is detrimental to all local businesses and particularly the vibrant, welcoming atmosphere Rulli's offers that has become a hallmark of historic downtown Larkspur. The ability to offer outdoor dining has been a cherished feature of Emporio Rulli for 35 years, which has created a warm and inviting atmosphere for all. It has been a pleasure to enjoy Rulli's unique coffee, pastries and other food while at the same time basking in the distinctive charm of Magnolia Avenue. We understand that the city council has their reasons for this resolution, but we firmly believe this sad development will have a significant impact on the character and vitality of our community. This also comes at a time when local restaurants and other businesses are still attempting to recover from the COVID-19 lockdown rules. We ask that the council and Larkspur public works reconsider this ill-conceived resolution which will certainly have a detrimental effect on the Magnolia Avenue businesses and the local community.

Sincerely,

Wiene Frans