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As a longtime loyal customer of Emporio Rulli ("Rulli's") for the past 23+ years, I am writing to protest Larkspur resolution 62/22, which became effective earlier this week on 11/06/2023.

I love Rulli's - this is the place where I take all my visitors. It is family owned, local and charming with a European feel because of the outdoor seating as well as the beautiful interior and their delicious treats. This makes Larkspur quite a wonderful and unique place.

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 astonished!

This new ordinance means Rulli's would be required to pay the City a fee of \$1,800 per 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 has always offered that has become a hallmark of historic downtown Larkspur.

Their 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 reasons for this resolution, but we firmly believe this sad development will have a significant impact on the character and vitality of our community. Actually, it already has.

This also comes at a time when businesses are still attempting to recover from the COVID-19 lockdown rules and this winter COVID-19 cases are projected to be up again.

We ask that the council and Larkspur public works reconsider this ill-conceived resolution which will certainly have a **DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON MAGNOLIA AVENUE** businesses and the local community.

I urge you to take immediate action to return the charm of Rulli's outdoor seating to our beloved Magnolia Avenue.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter,

Maria-Tina Karamanlakis
Larkspur resident

