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Dear Members of the Larkspur City Council,

I am writing to protest Larkspur Resolution 62/22, which became effective on Nov. 6, 2023. I must say that I find this resolution ill-conceived with little rationale or merit.

Why you would mandate that all businesses on Magnolia Avenue pay an encroachment fee per square foot of the public right of way use in order to continue offering small tables on a portion of the sidewalk that does not inconvenience anyone is truly baffling. This new ordinance means Rulli's would be required to pay the City a ludicrously expensive fee of \$1800/month to be able to offer a small amount of outdoor dining!

I am not an "old time" Larkspur resident but since 2014, I have enjoyed going to Rullis for coffee and a pastry and often took my well-behaved Labrador along. To me, it was part of the charm of Larkspur to be there and to greet neighbors and friends. At a time when restaurants are struggling to come back from the pandemic, this decision is counter-productive and demonstrates no support for local businesses that we all want to see flourish.

Please reconsider this ill-advised resolution, not just for the sake of Rullis but indeed for the culture of community that makes Larkspur what it is.

Regards,

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