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Hello,

I'm deeply saddened by the decision to require an 'encroachment fee from Rulli's (and any other business on Magnolia). I moved to Larkspur a few years ago because of Rulli's presence, along with other sidewalk cafes/restaurants. Their outdoor presence gives Larkspur an vibrant, neighborly ambiance.

I believe the fee will not only harm Emporio Rulli but also all the other merchants along town. People stroll to Rulli's from the north and south along Magnolia. They pass by shops, notice what's in the windows and often make a spontaneous purchase from one of the many merchants. This new fee will decrease the number of visitors to Magnolia all day everyday - thus decreasing shoppers in general.

Businesses are still reeling from COVID; now you hit them with this fee?

If there's a serious shortfall in our Larkspur budget, you should have communicated that, educated the locals and gotten buy-in before imposing this fee.

Disappointed in this action.

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