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## Objections to the Proposed Annual Sewer Charge

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To the Hermosa Beach City Council

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1. We currently pay as part of our property taxes an annual sanitation district fee. I believe that the fee may need to be increased from time to time but I do not believe there is reason to impose a new charge.
2. If the city of Hermosa needs to retain a larger share of property tax, the city should take appropriate action. Our property taxes are for our own (city) benefit and we should control this money ourselves
- 3 The suggestion that this new tax rise annually, and separately, is outrageous. Our property taxes rise 2%/ year.

Many properties now assessed at values approaching a million dollars are paying annual increases greater than the proposed fee and the 2% increase each year is also greater than the proposed fee.

It is unreasonable to justify a 3%/year increase by citing completely unknown guesses about future inflation rates. It is also unreasonable to fail to specify how calculations of inflation will be made.

- 4 Perhaps I misunderstand the law: I believe that any increase in property tax requires a 2/3 majority approval by the taxpayers/voters. Adding a fee by sending notice and then assuming the council can impose it without a vote seems underhanded, even if not illegal.

*Roberta Moore*

