



City of Hermosa Beach

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In light of the July 5, 2014 incident at the Manhattan Beach pier involving a juvenile white shark and a swimmer, the City of Hermosa Beach is requesting consideration of additional regulations regarding fishing from its pier. Please accept this letter as an official petition for regulatory change from the City of Hermosa Beach. We request this item be considered by the Marine Resources Committee in November.

The City's concern is the occurrence of a similar juvenile white shark incident off the Hermosa Beach pier. The goal of Hermosa Beach is to minimize the possibility of an inadvertent hooking of a white shark. The City aims to balance access to the pier with public safety. City Council has committed itself, through a series of principles adopted during strategic planning, to "All feeling welcome in our community." Therefore, maintaining access to the pier for fishing and other recreational activities is not only a legal obligation, but a principle committed to by the City Council and is City policy carried out by staff.

With all this in mind, the City's proposed solution is to add the following fishing regulations to the City's Municipal Code (also see the attached draft ordinance):

- **Cleaning Fish on the Pier Prohibited**—No person shall clean, scale or otherwise process for consumption, any fish, crustacean or shellfish on the pier.
- **Throwing Debris from the Pier Prohibited**—No person shall place, throw, or cast dead fish or any other marine organism, or any part thereof, or any other debris, trash, or refuse, into the Pacific Ocean from the pier or from the shore within 1,000 feet of the pier. This shall not apply to bait or lures that are affixed to a fishing line, to items lawfully placed within a fish or lobster trap or net, or to any fish or other marine organism that has been lawfully caught and is being returned to the water.
- **Use of More than Two Hooks per Line Prohibited**—No person shall use more than two fishing hooks per line while fishing from the pier.
- **Use of Un-baited Hooks Prohibited**—No person shall place any fishing line into the water from the pier unless any hook attached thereto is baited when placed into the water. This does not apply to hooks that are connected or attached to a fishing lure, jig or fly.
- **Use of Other than Monofilament Line Prohibited**—No person shall use, while fishing on or from the pier a fishing line that is made from any material other than monofilament; a fishing line with a breaking strength of greater than 40 pound test; or any steel, metal or braided leader line.



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The City recognizes that there may be other options we have not considered that achieve the same goal, or that what we propose may have unintended consequences and another option may be available that achieves the same goal, but minimizes or eliminates the unintended consequence(s). We are open to considering other options and incorporating alternative strategies that accomplish the same goal.

I thank you for your consideration of our request and look forward to working towards a solution with the Marine Resources Committee and the Fish & Game Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Lantzer".

David Lantzer

Fire Chief

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 12.24 THAT PROHIBIT CLEANING FISH ON THE PIER, THROWING DEBRIS FROM THE PIER, AND USING MORE THAN TWO HOOKS, UN-BAITED HOOKS, OR OTHER THAN MONOFILAMENT LINE WHILE FISHING ON THE PIER

The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Findings.

The City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach does hereby find and declare as follows:

A. The...

Section 2. Chapter 12.24 of Title 12 Hermosa Beach Municipal Code is amended to add new sections 12.24.130, 12.24.140, 12.24.150, 12.24.160, and 12.24.170 as follows:

12.24.130 Cleaning Fish on the Pier Prohibited

No person shall clean, scale or otherwise process for consumption, any fish, crustacean or shellfish on the pier. A violation of this section shall be an infraction.

12.24.140 Throwing Debris from the Pier Prohibited

No person shall place, throw, or cast dead fish or any other marine organism, or any part thereof, or any other debris, trash, or refuse, into the Pacific Ocean from the pier or from the shore within 1,000 feet of the pier. This section shall not apply to bait or lures that are affixed to a fishing line, to items lawfully placed within a fish or lobster trap or net, or to any fish or other marine organism that has been lawfully caught and is being returned to the water. A violation of this section shall be an infraction.

12.24.150 Use of More than Two Hooks per Line Prohibited

No person shall use more than two fishing hooks per line while fishing from the pier. A violation of this section shall be an infraction.

12.24.160 Use of Un-baited Hooks Prohibited

No person shall place any fishing line into the water from the pier unless any hook attached thereto is baited when placed into the water. This section shall not apply to hooks that are connected or attached to a fishing lure, jig or fly. A violation of this section shall be an infraction.

12.24.170 Use of Other than Monofilament Line Prohibited

No person shall use, while fishing on or from the pier:

- A. A fishing line that is made from any material other than monofilament;
- B. A fishing line with a breaking strength of greater than 40 pound test; or
- C. Any steel, metal or braided leader line.

A violation of this section shall be an infraction.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk