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To: Mendocino Historical Review Board

This is in response to Patterson's Pub request for a two-year extension of their tent under MHRB_2020-0012.

Condition 16 in the Mendocino Historical Review Board Permit MHRB # 2020-0012, granted to Patterson's Pub reads:

"Tents are allowed during the rainy season, including the dates between November 1 and May 31. Tents are prohibited during the dry summer months, e.g. between June 1 through October 31 (or the first rain event in 2021)"

Why did Planning and Building allow Patterson's Pub to keep it's tents up in the summer? Patterson's Pub should not be granted an extension since they haven't complied with terms of their original permit.

The tents were allowed under an emergency order in able for the restaurants to remain open and people to be safe during the early stages of the pandemic. The emergency order has been lifted and so the tents should go.

The Mendocino Town Plan governing the placement of tents was intended for temporary uses such as music and art events and other temporary outdoor gatherings. In the past, MHRB applications were received for each temporary use, such as for the Mendocino Music Festival, and were granted by the MHRB each year. In the recent past, multiyear approvals were granted for tents, but the tents were only in place for a short amount of time, measured in days, not months.

Patterson's Pub is asking for the tents be allowed to stay up for two more years. It is not a temporary usage.

The use of tents in the town of Mendocino is not consistent with the historic buildings in the village and detracts from beauty of Mendocino.

We have just been through a severe drought. Through the use of the tents, the restaurants have doubled the number of people that they are serving. It also doubles the amount of water

that is being used. Many village wells ran dry during the drought, no doubt effected by the heavy restaurant water usage.

The doubling of the size of restaurants in Mendocino has also increased the amount of garbage that is left in town. Food containers, cups and napkins are strewn all over.

By placing tents on restaurant properties, the lot coverages have exceeded what would be allowed for traditional buildings. Tents, by their very nature, do not have the same safety features that are required of permanent structures.

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