
From: Jen Kaplan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 10:35 AM
To: Bill Robeson <brobeson@arroyogrande.org>
Subject: Tally Ho Permit

Dear Bill,

I am writing to ask the City of Arroyo Grande to please consider a reduction in our permit fees due to the financial hardship we are experiencing as victims of the January flooding. I am a resident of Tally Ho and have been affected by the creek overflowing and destroying my house/property two times in the past 10 years. The first time we repaired our home and utilized mitigation factors which we thought would be sufficient to avoid another flood, however after the destructive storms of this past winter, the creek overflowed twice - in January and March which completely destroyed our home. We cannot repair our home this time, we have had to demolish it and will need to rebuild it.

We have been displaced since January and we are not expected to have our home rebuilt for 12-18 more months. We have 3 school aged children, and this has been traumatizing and completely disruptive to our lives as you can imagine. We lost our home, furniture, and personal belongings. We currently have a major gap in funding for our rebuild due to a low insurance payout, and what we have been approved for through a construction loan. My husband and I are both Cal Poly graduates and work full-time. We are still having a hard time making ends meet.

The past 10 months have been devastating to our finances, family life and mental health. We are not remodeling our home out of choice; we are forced to rebuild due to the devastating situation that occurred. We are paying for our rental and are still responsible for our mortgage. We need assistance. The City of Morro Bay is reducing permit fees for their residents that were affected. If the City of Arroyo Grande received any emergency funding from the state or federal government, would you consider using that to cover or reduce our permit fees.

I appreciate this consideration and am hopeful for support in any way. I am happy to also come in and meet with you if you prefer.

Jennifer Kaplan
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On Aug. 22, the Morro Bay City Council voted to reduce those fees for building and planning permits by 50 percent for properties damaged by the 2023 winter storms.

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