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Good Morning Planning & Zoning Boardmembers:

For your reference, please see the public comment submitted via the Town's web forum below. This comment will be included as supporting documentation in the minutes for today's meeting.

Do Not Reply to All.***Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, MMC*****Town Clerk**

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Public Comment / Question
October 6, 2025

To: Members of the Juno Beach Planning and Zoning Board
From: Aldo Rovere, Resident of Juno Beach
Subject: Preserving Harmony and Establishing Clear Procedures for Its Application

Good morning,

I would like to offer comments on the continuing importance of harmony in Juno Beach's development standards, and the need to establish clear procedures for how that principle should be applied in practice.

When the Town enacted Ordinance 780—approved on its second reading in January 2024—it did so with broad community and Council support. Both readings passed unanimously and without objection, reflecting a shared commitment to address growing concerns about oversized, out-of-scale development. The ordinance was a thoughtful step toward preserving the balance, character, and proportion that have defined Juno Beach since the 1990s.

In preparing these comments, I reviewed the Planning and Zoning Board meeting of October 2023, which offered valuable insights into how the Board has interpreted harmony and compatibility. That discussion reflected a clear understanding of harmony as a guiding principle essential to maintaining the Town's scale, livability, and unique coastal character.

However, since Ordinance 780's adoption, no formal implementation guidance or procedures have been established to clarify how its principles—especially harmony—should be applied. This absence of structure has led to uncertainty among applicants, staff, and decision-makers, resulting in inconsistent interpretations of the ordinance's intent.

This lack of procedural clarity does not invalidate Ordinance 780 or diminish its purpose. Under Senate Bill 180, all ordinances adopted before August 1, 2024, remain valid. Moreover, as discussed during the recent Town Council meeting, a "scalpel approach" to refining Ordinance 780 should focus on precision and clarity rather than alteration. Developing a transparent process for applying harmony would strengthen the ordinance by helping applicants understand how proposals will be evaluated, while fostering fairness and consistency in decision-making.

The principle of harmony includes both objective and subjective dimensions, and both deserve recognition:

Objective factors—such as height, massing, setbacks, and proportion—can be measured and compared, providing a factual framework for assessing physical compatibility.

Subjective aspects—like rhythm, light, privacy, and neighborhood balance—reflect the experiential qualities that define Juno Beach's identity and sense of place.

As our Town Attorney has affirmed, using subjective standards such as harmony does not infringe on property rights, so long as decisions are made fairly, consistently, and transparently. In fact, acknowledging subjectivity within a structured process ensures flexibility and contextual understanding—qualities essential for thoughtful planning in a community like ours.

The challenge before us is therefore not the presence of harmony as a standard, but the absence of clear procedural direction for how it should be applied. Addressing this gap now would not increase regulation or alter Ordinance 780's intent. Instead, it would promote consistency, transparency, and predictability for residents, applicants, and the Town alike.

I respectfully urge this Board to recommend the development and adoption of formal procedures establishing how harmony and compatibility are to be evaluated under Ordinance 780. Doing so will reinforce fairness, reduce conflict, and uphold Juno Beach's enduring commitment to development that fits its setting and safeguards the character of our community.

You are, as I often say, our first line of defense in preserving what makes Juno Beach special. Thank you for your time, your service, and your dedication to protecting the values that define our Town.

Respectfully,
Aldo Rovere
[400 Uno Lago Drive](#)

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