

Fw: Opposition to Potential Chgs to STR's

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Hello,

I'm writing today to submit my strong opposition to the upcoming potential changes to the short term rental (STR) ordinance coming to Planning & Zoning on November 18.

I STRONGLY oppose lifting limits on the number and concentration of STRs in our residential neighborhoods. I don't want our beautiful town to become an investor-driven resort town. We have already seen too much of that happening. It's all around me in my neighborhood.

I strongly SUPPORT keeping the caps on the number of STR's and maintaining strong local control.

Given the new Marriott hotel north of town and the new hotel going in at the city beach, we will have an adequate supply of places for visitors to stay. Also, with the obnoxious Farmin Flats development, there will be plenty of new housing (with no parking) for locals.

I support tourism, but I oppose deregulating STRs. Maintaining the charm of our beautiful town and housing for local residents must come first.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Koster