

March 9, 2022 City Council Written Comments

All, first my heartfelt thanks for managing the complex issues that arise from what the Mayor so succinctly described as a three legged stool: Full time residents, 2nd homeowners and renters. Of course, there are also day visitors, those who come in from the Parks etc... as well. I am a 2nd homeowner who does rent out. But I am down here a lot and I love this town, its people, and the surrounding area. I too want great livability. It would be helpful for me if there was a more specific breakdown of what 'livability' issues there are and how a STR cap would resolve them. It seems to me the livability issue you are discussing is about NEW homebuilding more than it is rentals. Please correct me if I'm wrong. I have no problem with a CAP but my livability issues are about the 3rd avenue building, the (I am told) 300+ units planned for the old driving range area. If limiting the number of people and cars etc... in Manzanita is the goal, how does a STR cap help that? Thanks, had to write this quickly because I have another meeting. Feel free to engage with me

Joe McAvoy

Could you perhaps outline the problems that are driving a CAP discussion in the first place?

Thanks

Joe McAvoy

2nd homeowner (on Pelican, unincorporated area)

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Dear Mayor Scott, Council Members and City Manager Aman,

In the last Council Meeting the Mayor tabled discussion of an STR standing committee until the next meeting and I was glad he did.

As I understand it, the Short-Term Rental Oversight Group was formed as a way to deal with the impact that STR's have had on livability in Manzanita.

I find it curious that of the seven members only 1 is a resident while 4 members own or manage rental properties in town but don't live here.

Livability is best determined by the people who live in a place either full or part time. People living in town on a street where most of the homes are rentals have a vastly different experience than do folks who live in a neighboring community and come into town to work or visit.

While I could see that having a non-voting consultant from a vacation rental management company might be helpful in presenting information, relying on property management owners to make up the committee also creates the appearance of a conflict of interest. The people most likely to be affected by any changes to STRs make up the majority of the committee members. No matter what good work the committee does, its skewed membership creates the appearance that the people who matter most aren't residents. If that's not true, the Council has the opportunity now to correct that appearance with this standing committee.

People have big feelings about STR's on both sides. It doesn't help when things look unfair.

What if all the members lived here part or full time? Second homeowners who both rent and use their homes, second homeowners who don't rent at all, and residents who live here full time?

Using a non-voting representative from an STR management company to consult would provide any information necessary while putting livability in the hands where it belongs--the people who live here part or full-time.

I'm so pleased to see that there will be time to discuss this more at the next Council Meeting.

Thank you for your time and your service,

Kim Rosenberg

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My name is Terri Desaro and I'm one of the owners of Finnesterre in Manzanita. Unfortunately, I'm unable to attend the meeting tomorrow because I'll be working. However, I am interested in this subject. I don't know all the rules and regulations about the Transient Lodging Tax (which is the tax Short Term Rentals charge to their clients), but it seems to me we need to work with our representatives on the state legislative level to change some things. The way I understand the regulations, 70% of the dollars must be spent to promote tourism. Well, I think we've spent enough money promoting tourism. ...people are coming to the Oregon Coast in record numbers. We need more of the TLT dollars allocated to local governments to fund services, repair roads, build infrastructure, etc. Not allocated to promote more tourism.