

LU Committee

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County Land Use Committee Meeting - February 20, 2018

Testimony in regards to item LU-7
ESTABLISHING OWNERSHIP DURATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOME PERMIT APPLICATIONS

My name is Margit Tolman and I am opposing LU-7.

LU-7 is not a necessary amendment of SECTION 19.65.030,

1. Each district has a limited number of licenses available, 400 STR and 400 B&B's for the entire county. Those numbers were carefully discussed by your colleagues to avoid proliferation.
2. We have a good legislation in place, more restrictions will support noncompliance.
3. The B&B's and STR's are part of our tourist environment and employ a number of residents who need to pay rent and feed their families. This amendment will reduce the inventory of short term rentals and reduce great job opportunities for those who want to work close by their homes.
4. LU-7 will not create any more long term rentals.
5. Unlicensed STR's need to be hold to compliance, the ordinance does not need more restrictions.
6. There is no incentive for home owners to apply for a license due to the long process and cost of the application, fees and higher property taxes.
7. Enforcement is complain driven and there is very little risk for unlicensed operators to be caught.
8. Enforcement could be done at the source. Advertisement and booking platforms should be hold accountable for advertising places without a license. San Francisco went that route and reduced the number of advertised rentals drastically. See <<https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/Airbnb-loses-thousands-of-hosts-in-SF-as-12496624.php>><https://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/Airbnb-loses-thousands-of-hosts-in-SF-as-12496624.php>
9. How many homes have been sold within the last 3 years and how many of those applied

for a license? Were are the facts?

Please file LU-7, it will not reduce home sales, property values nor will it increase the long term rental market. Thank for your consideration,

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