

BF Committee

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Dear Maui Council:

Thank you for hearing from STR Permit holders before your vote on the proposed reclassification and property tax increase.

We have already seen a 25% higher tax rate as a result of obeying the law and acquiring a permit.

We operate as a permitted STR paying increased property taxes, commercial liability insurance (required by the county), application and other expenses over our non-permitted counterparts. These bills already put us at a distinct disadvantage. We have seen the proliferation of non-permitted rentals through AirBNB etc. since the County started the permitting process. Adding another 29% property tax to the permitted rentals is just not right.

As for our property, we pay all TAT and GE taxes and also hire locally for yard, household, maintenance, and management services. We turnaround and re-invest all the net rental proceeds into the property's upkeep. Our salt air filled environment is destructive to wood, metals, electrical boxes, furniture, fixtures, appliances, etc. requiring more repairs and replacements.

The tourists we bring to Maui know they and their family will experience a safe, enjoyable holiday in our home. They spend their vacation dollars in local gift shops, stores and restaurants.

We ask that you please reconsider this property tax increase on a population of permitted STRs that is already contributing to the Maui tax coffers in many ways and has already seen a substantial property tax increase. Please do not penalize those who are paying to be legal rentals.

Thank you for your time.

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If you can help, then first write to the council members and tell them it is not fair to classify your permitted short term rental the same as condo units with the right to rent short term instilled by zoning. Tell them that you have already accepted a 25% higher tax rate as a result of your permit, but that a 60% increase is not reasonable.