

BF Committee

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Cc: BF Committee
Subject: STRH TAX November 3rd, 9:00 am meeting County Council

Dear Councilmembers of the Budget Committee,

I wish to ask the Council to create legislation to keep the tax rate for STRHs at the commercial/residential rate. All I am requesting is that the Council members honor the ruling that "commercial" tax classification was the most appropriate for short-term rental permit holders. STRH permit holders, who have followed the rules, and done the right thing to get permits, should not be penalized with a tax increase - especially as high as hotel-resort rate would. We are not a hotel-resort!

- Leave the STR home in the Commercial tax category (a 25% tax hike) instead of the condo rate (60% hike)
- It is not fair to classify a permitted short-term rental the same as a condo
- The restrictions on STRH permits prohibit guests on the property. Condos have no such rules.
- Condos have multi-units that bring the single unit's share down to a more reasonable level
- Condos can build a shorter term rental business to be sold with the unit.
- Condos do not go through a permit process or pay annual fees.
- Condos not required to carry \$1M liability policy. STR's are, creating large annual expense up to \$2200.

- STR's are restricted to lower occupancy than condos or hotels.
- Unfair to raise taxes on rentals with permits while ignoring the many rentals operating without permits!

Thank you in advance for giving this your consideration.

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