

"Aloha" - I'm Sharyn Stone, permitted B&B owner since 2009, having applied in 2001. I wanted to be legal ... to 'do the right thing.' Silly me.

You just heard Kutira tell you about the financial and emotional realities of what it means to have a permit. The 'rewards' of 'doing the right thing', are, so far, pretty underwhelming.

And those rewards just keep coming. Recently, you agreed that it would be a great idea to come onto my PERMITTED property with ONE HOUR'S NOTICE, just to check that I am in compliance.

So, having been dumb enough to 'do the right thing', I expected Maui County to do the right thing – by enforcing against those who hadn't bothered to apply for permits (something you *promised you would do in the original legislation*).

But nothing, ^{much happened,} ~~For years. The County claimed it couldn't find illegal vacation rentals. I sat down at my computer for 3 hours and came up with 150.~~

Eventually, we heard about your great new software, specially developed to track down illegal vacation rentals. Finally! 7 enforcement officers now, AND the help of a third party. Yes! But what's the FIRST thing you do with this wonderful software that we've been hearing about for 2 years? You go after the PERMITTED operators/ to make sure they're 'displaying their permit numbers' properly on advertising websites. I just got two RFS's for only having my tax ID displayed, instead of my permit number, on two old websites I hadn't used for years.

Those people who never applied for permits ... are the smart ones.

And now, you want to bring the hammer down on the use of accessory dwellings for a B&B or STR. The numbers don't support that! We have 130 permitted B&Bs. Fewer than half of them utilize/ accessory dwellings. There are 213 STR's – a quarter of them use/ accessory dwellings. There are more than FIVE THOUSAND/ accessory dwellings in Maui – so only TWO PERCENT OF ALL EXISTING ACCESSORY DWELLINGS are being used for permitted B&Bs & STR's. Of course, more of them are being used by – wait for it - UNPERMITTED B&B's & STR's.

Truth time. No affordable housing has been built for years, and my tiny industry has become a convenient scapegoat. In this age of ugly and divisive politics, pointing fingers at the 2% who are trying to 'do the right thing' will not fix the problem.

I think it's time/ for *Maui COUNTY/* to do 'the right thing'.

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