

PSLU Committee

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Subject: Upcoming Meeting - Bill 145

Tuesday, August 6th, 2019.

Dear County Council Members,

We are writing in regards to the upcoming consideration of STRH and Bed and Breakfast Home Permit legislation, Bill 145 and Bill 146.

Regarding Bill 145, we are in support of the proposed amendments to the Pa'ia-Ha'iku Community Plan. We support this amendment because we have an STRH application in process. We submitted our application in February of 2018. On March 5th, it was entered into KIVA. We completed our site visit on July 25th, 2018 and passed inspection. Without notice we were informed by our planner that Michelle McLean, the new Planning Department director, had put a moratorium on the review and approval of any new STRH applications within the Pa'ia-Ha'iku Community Plan. This sudden restriction interrupted our plans and practically made useless the costly investment we directed towards completing the application process as well as the preparations to make our guest house ready. It is poor governance to suddenly change existing regulations and not provide any consideration for applications in process.

Short-term Rental Homes and Bed and Breakfast Homes add value to our rural community in innumerable ways. These businesses provide employment for local cleaning companies, landscapers, farmers, retail merchants restaurants, activities, etc. STRHs provide visitors to Maui the opportunity to explore the Pa'ia and Ha'iku community more completely including the experience of enjoying and supporting rural merchants and restaurants. This style of tourism is quickly becoming the preferred method of travel and accommodations worldwide. STRHs and Bed and Breakfast Homes must remain an option for international travelers. This ordinance has provisions and quotas to assure that there is not an over-saturation of transient accommodations and that provide neighbors the opportunity to offer an opinion about an applicant's plans. The stringent rules regarding off-street parking and noise levels give neighbors an avenue for assuring that no permitted STRH is causing a disturbance. Additionally, with the current quota limiting possible STRH permits in Ha'iku and Pa'ia to 88, the permitted STRHs would not appreciably change the character of the region and as mentioned would offer many benefits. The Pa'ia-Ha'iku Community Plan being reviewed was completed in 1995. The STRH ordinance was approved much more recently in 2012. One would think that the current ordinance 3941 would be a more applicable source to rely upon, especially considering it was vetted for 10 years.

Accept our written testimony as support for Bill 145. It is important to us that our application process finally be completed and the permits granted.

Ha'iku resident,

Andrew Grier