

Public Input

Row 1

Name	Heidi Gilbert
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Form Date Field	02/28/21
Topic	Non-Agenda Item
Comments	<p>Good morning Commissioners, There seems to have been adequate time to get the next workshop scheduled or do we even need to have another one? So much information has been given over all these months to move forward. 15 neighborhoods clearly did not have the public support and the signatures needed to submit by their deadline or they would have. Their mis information campaign did not work and thank goodness there are smart people living amongst us. The people have spoken up and the majority want STR's to reopen. The last workshop showed over 95% supporting vacation rentals to continue. The few people that have dealt with disturbances with vacationers need to be handled with law enforcement and not restricting property rights that have been set in place for years. Oregon Supreme Court ruled that vacation homes are not considered businesses. Does Lincoln County want to open up a possible legal action from homeowners over property owner rights? Restricting property rights in Lincoln County is not a healthy way to move ahead and will have costly impact on County that the County can't afford. Everyday this situation continues, the County is losing much needed tourist dollars and local business getting a chance to start bouncing back for an awful year between Covid and Fires. Now, we wait for you all to vote and get things opened up. Tick tock tick tock tick tock. Too much time has gone by as hard working people need to get back to work. Housekeepers, plumbers, landscapers, plumbers, electricians... Don't you want to see things grow in your communities? We bought a home in Lincoln County unincorporated as we did our due diligence knowing what we could and could not do with our home. There are neighborhoods available to those that already have restrictions in their own HOA bylaws. The people complaining should have done their homework before buying their homes. We did. Unincorporated actually means something. Please do not wait to vote on this in June. Three more months of pushing this out is just not right and hurting the people in the community. You all have the information in front of you so let's get to it. Please Vote! The only change I could see to the existing laws is that septic tanks must be up to code for all homes in the community. Not just STR's. Everyone would need to comply for this change to make sense. All homes should be compliant across the board. No change to room occupancies and NO CAPS. Heidi Gilbert & Andy Peslin Gleneden Beach</p>
Meeting Date	03/01/21
Subject	STR's - Do we really need another workshop?

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Row 2

Name	Monica Kirk
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Form Date Field	02/26/21
Topic	Agenda Item Non-Agenda Item
Comments	<p>The Industry is fighting a state-wide battle against the regulation of Short term rentals. VIAOregon has launched a video campaign. See attached. VIAOregon is unconcerned with impacts on the residents of Lincoln County. The Vacation Rental Management Association (VRMA), the lobbying group of which VIAOregon is a member, proclaims on its website www.vrma.org: Our Mission: Through best-in-class education, in-person events, and a unified voice, we unlock the possibilities and potential of our diverse, international membership of vacation rental professionals so they can strengthen their business, elevate the industry, and ensure superior guest and homeowner experiences. This is how VIAOregon works behind the scenes with Elected Officials. Keep in mind that this is the group that wants no public benefit-oriented change in the existing regulations. "WORKING TOWARDS GOOD RULES IN OREGON In Oregon the VRMA members were organized into a state coalition called, VIA Oregon (www.VIAOregon.com). The group immediately engaged in a regulatory hotspot on the Oregon coast; Lincoln County. The first success for VIA Oregon was a Policy Webinar that included data and VRMA/VRHP protocols for the re-opening of vacation rental activity after the initial pandemic shutdowns. "Thanks to the support of the VRMA we held a Policy Webinar for the area city elected officials, their staff, and the County Commissioners and county staff," said Jamie Michel of Sweet Home Vacation Rentals and founding member of VIA Oregon. "By educating the area elected officials we were able to re-open the economy after our COVID-19 closures." The VIA Oregon coalition held subsequent meetings with individual City Councils in Lincoln County, and the Lincoln County Commission. This work eventually sparked a second Policy Webinar in August featuring an economist, housing analyst and other compliance and data leaders. "By being organized and speaking with a unified voice we are able to affect positive change," said Jamie Michel. "While we continue to work on our County regulations we are more effective because of our support". https://arrival.vrma.org/blog/vrma-state-coalition The change VIAOregon proposes? "We would propose parity in the "three strikes" rule however: that if a neighboring address makes 3 complaints that the licensing authority finds to be unfounded, that neighbor can be barred from making future complaints." STRs operated by people with this attitude will NEVER be good neighbors in residential neighborhoods.</p>
Meeting Date	
Subject	Short-term Rental



Currently, we are working in Lincoln County where officials are proposing burdensome regulations and a moratorium on future licenses. We need your help in communicating with officials across the state to prevent these types of scenarios and instead build best practices. Soon, we may be fighting a ballot initiative to ban vacation homes in the county.

We're asking those affected by Oregon's travel and tourism economy to take a minute and shoot a very simple video using the instructions below. These videos will be spliced together and used to create a video reel of online supporters, employees, business owners, and other professionals affected by Oregon's travel and tourism economy to underscore Short-Term Rentals' economic impact locally and statewide.

TAKE ACTION - Submit a testimonial video no later than February 28th

Send us a 20-second video recording. Hold your phone horizontally to record. Take a few seconds to pause before speaking and after speaking to allow enough time for editing purposes.

"My name is _____ from _____. (Insert brief sentence on how your job/business has been affected by Short-Term Rental shutdowns/regulation, or how future shutdowns/regulation could negatively impact your business and livelihood). In order to save local jobs and our economy, we are calling on elected officials to support Short-Term Rentals and their critical economic impact in Lincoln County and the State of Oregon".

We are looking forward to hearing from you. Please let us know if you have any questions!

To upload your video, click the button below, drag and drop the video file where the page says "Add files."



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Public Comment on Lincoln County STR (Short-term rental) proposal

1 message

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Dear Commissioners Hunt, Hall, and Jacobson: As a 35 year property tax payer, resident home owner and vacation rental owner, I strongly object to any restrictions beyond needed licensing and safety issues on rural lincoln county short term rentals. Short term rentals rentals have existed in Lincoln county for more than 100 years. I do understand that tax and safety issues need to be e addressed with common sense regulations that DO NOT on grandfathered short term rentals that are not within existing city jurisdictions. I am in favor of requiring proper licensing and tax regulations to insure income to the county and safety of our clients. For over a century our industry has been essential to seasonal tourism and income of Lincoln county. Without the capability to offer quality experience to our travelers and to assist in supplementing our personal retirement income many of your Lincoln County constituents could not survive and continue to live here in paradise. Please do not cap additional licensing or over regulate our future growth out of existence. Respectfully, Randy Driskill Tax payer. Waldport Oregon. By restricting the number of short term rentals in the County, it is inevitable that jobs and revenue to the County will be severely impacted. What is Lincoln County's plan to replace these revenues? The trickle-down effect of eliminating or severely curtailing the availability of COVID-friendly short-term rental housing in this County is staggering. Particularly considering that STR owners spent \$3.8 Million in 2019 to improve County housing stock, most of which went directly to your constituents in the form of wages and local sales revenue, and to the County in the form of permit fees. Regards, Randy Driskill [320 Northeast Spencer Street, Waldport, OR, USA](mailto:randydriskill1986@gmail.com)
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