

VHR Ordinance-Comments

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Dear Supervisors,

Please review the attached letter regarding the above referenced changes you are considering.

Thank you, Marilyn Szulman-Jones Michael Szulman

VHR Ordinance Letter.pdf 2411K

Board of Supervisors 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Changes to the VHR Ordinance

Greetings:

As owners of a home in the Myers region of South Lake Tahoe, we have been following the squabble concerning the problems caused by the presence of VHR properties in the area. Our home is being managed by a local company as a vacation rental. We understand that some inconsiderate tenants in some poorly managed properties have caused problems for their neighbors. We would like to remind you that we are also residents and property owners of El Dorado County and in the interest of fairness would also like to ask you not to paint all VHR owners, tenants, and their management companies with the same broad brush.

Regarding two restrictions that are being considered:

- Cap on occupants at any time of day. This seems like a gross infringement on our freedom. We
 have a restriction on the number of guests who can stay overnight but if they want to celebrate a
 holiday or birthday and host local friends and family during the day they should not be restricted
 any more than the occupants of a non-VHR house would be restricted.
- 2. Further limit parking on street & total number of vehicles allowed. Most of us want to have good relations with our neighbors and not all of us are in densely populated neighborhoods. There is National Forest Land and Tahoe Conservancy land scattered throughout our areas. There are already restrictions for parking on our property per our permits, so you want to also ban parking on public streets? Guests should be able to park on the street in front of the house they are renting. If there is Nat. Forest or Conservancy vacant lots adjacent then they should be able to park on the street in front of it without inconveniencing the neighbors. Occupants of houses that are not VHR can utilize the public street this way, correct? So it seems that there is a discriminatory measure that is being applied. Public streets are built and maintained with tax dollars and we are taxpayers. Through the TOT, our guests are also taxpayers. We are only asking for fairness in treatment.

Problems must and can be solved without taking it to such a punitive level that the industry would be damaged or destroyed, negatively impacting the local economy. But more importantly, the rules and ordinances should primarily affect the perpetrators of the problems and not just appease the complainers by infringing on the civil and property rights of those of us who have not caused any problems and are working to try to prevent them from occurring.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Szulman-Jopes and Michael Szulman