
Comment RE: Short Term Rental Proposals

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Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 12:21 PM

To: Mary Davis <mpd@portlandmaine.gov>, vvolent@portlandmaine.gov
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In response to the concern raised by Ms. Snyder, I have gone back through e-mail and noted receipt of a few messages re: STR that came in after the 9/26 meeting of the Housing Committee.

At the time of review, I apparently missed my usual routine of reviewing who was copied and filling in missing parties. Thus, Ms. Snyder is correct, I missed forwarding several messages received after 9/26 to staff for inclusion in the committee record.

By copy of this e-mail I am forwarding a message dated 9/28. This was addressed to the three members of the Housing Committee, District Councilor Ray, the Mayor, the Manager and cc'd to Ms Snyder.

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From: **Maggy W** <mwnola@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 28, 2018 at 9:26 PM

Subject: Housing Committee proposals on Short Term Rentals

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Dear Councilors Cook, Ray, Ali, Duson, and Mayor Strimling,

For over a year, several Munjoy Hill neighbors and I have been in discussions about the problem of Short Term Rentals and the impact on housing availability in Portland, as well as the impact on the neighborhood - from noise to parking to lack of shoveling in the winter to lack of proper trash/recycling preparation which can cause a big mess on the sidewalks. Some operators are chronic bad neighbors in these last areas.

I support the amendments proposed by Councilor Cook and Councilor Ray and Mayor Strimling in the 9/26 meeting, and I do NOT support any grandfathering of the old regulations for current operators. It is relatively simple to convert an STR unit into a long term rental, so there is no real hardship to these current operators. At the most, they could be given a grace period of a couple of months to accomplish the conversion or to honor future bookings which have already been made - HOWEVER, future bookings should be frozen at the time of adoption of the new policies.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,
Maggy Wolf
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