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## Fw: Short Term Rental Revisions

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The current City of Portland STR ordinance needs to be revised. The assignment of units for owner occupied property and # of STR units vs. non owner occupied property and units is incorrect. This has led the city to allowing more than allotted number of rentals.

To really make this simple and remove the impetus of profiteering, only property owner occupied unit should be allowed as STR. There should be no "grandfathering" of the excess units that have been allowed.

A public complaint process, and a form needs to be developed for property owners and long term renters who are negatively impacted. Along with this complaint process a criteria for rescinding of registration and denial of renewal of registration should be in place. Absolutely no, automatic renewal.

I live in a RESIDENTIAL zone, not a business zone, not a commercial zone.

As I sat down to write this missive (10:30pm) I heard voices on my neighbors walkway, which abuts my driveway, and two young women (lugging a few six packs) were headed up to my back door. Upon seeing me at the window, they realized that they were again headed to the wrong house.

I am now living with 2 STR in the building next to my home and 2 STR in the building across the street from me. Both of the buildings rentals are run by management companies. These are not home owners trying to keep up, with their taxes. Prior to the STR Business being allowed, these apartments were LTR, and never vacant.

Please take the time necessary to review and revise this ordinance as is necessary. If this is allowed to continue as is, this area will no longer be a neighborhood but just an extension of the ever developing waterfront. So sad.

Regards

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Sent from my iPad