
Fwd: my opinion of the "Concerns over the 9/26 Housing Committee Discussion on STRs" from Karen Snyder

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Dear Portland City Government Representatives,
I agree with Miss Snyder and the comprehensive report she has forwarded to you.
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In the 9/26 Housing Committee, Councilor Cook, Mayor Strimling, and Councilor Ray proposed STR amendments. They have made an excellent effort in further clarifying the STR ordinance which have caused confusion and had resulted in the under reporting of the actual amount of non-owner occupied STR rentals in Portland. The current STR ordinance has also allowed certain multi-unit properties to be almost entirely used as short term rentals instead of providing long term residential housing in neighborhoods.

Councilor Cook, Mayor Strimling, and Councilor Ray have listened to many people affected by STRs and have made great effort to try to make changes by these proposed STR amendments.

However, my concern within the 9/26 Housing Committee 4 hour meeting was the overall general impression of the lack of embracing of these proposed STR amendments by Chair Councilor Duson.

ALL of the proposed STR amendment language discussed that night needs to be retained albeit with some language revision fine tuning.

The specific concerns are as follows:

Concern #1: The STR Registration Form did NOT capture correctly for multi units in the Owner Occupied properties which STR units was an owner occupied STR unit vs a non-owner occupied STR unit.

Below is a suggested change on the STR registration form to capture the information correctly and to add document control # or date for revision control. Until this STR registration form is corrected and this form resent out to the current 377 Owner Occupied property owners, one will never really now how much officially under reported are the non-owner occupied STR units.

Based on 9/26 Housing Committee documentation, the current range of non-owner STR unit underreporting is shown follows:

- Current Non-Owner Occupied Property STR Registered Unit Count = 162
- Current Owner Occupied Property where there are Non-Owner STR Registered Unit Count Range: 92 to 468
- This means the real Non-Owner STR registration Count is a range of **254 to 630**. (162+92 to 162+468)
- **Note: The Cap for Non-Owner Registered STR unit count is 300.**

Below is a suggestion for revising the STR registration form to be able to accurately collect the required valid data points to reduce confusion currently going on with this issue

SECTION 6: RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION						
Please Indicate if the Unit is:						
	# of Units	Mainland	Island	Owner Occupied	Tenant Occupied	Non-Owner Occupied
Long Term						
Short Term						

Revision Date: 4/15/2018

SECTION 6: RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION											
Please Indicate if the Unit is:			# of Units						Mailing Address of Unit(s)		
Total # of Units	Mainland (Y/N)	Island (Y/N)	Owner Occupied Unit (Yes/No)	Owner Occupied Property - Non-Owner	Tenant Occupied Units	Non-Owner Occupied Property Units	Owner Occupied Property Units	Owner Occupied Property - Non-Owner	Tenant Occupied Units	Non-Owner Occupied Property Units	
			Provide # of Rooms	Occupied Units	Occupied Units	Occupied Unit	Occupied Units	Occupied Units	Occupied Units	Occupied Units	Occupied Property Units
Long Term											
Short Term											

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