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From: Kelly Naylor <kelly@vrahq.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 3:19 PM
To: HAMMOND, JIM
Cc: GOOKIN, DAN; ENGLISH, DAN; WOOD, CHRISTIE; EVANS, AMY; MCEVERS, WOODY; MILLER, KIKI
Subject: Vacation Rental Authority

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Dear Mayor,

At Vacation Rental Authority Inc, we take compliance with vacation rental permits very seriously. We have a number of procedures in place to ensure that all of our properties are in compliance with local regulations.

First, we require all property owners to obtain the necessary permits and licenses before listing their property with us. This ensures that the property is legally allowed to operate as a vacation rental.

Next, we conduct regular audits of all of our properties to ensure that they are in compliance with the terms of their permits. This includes checking for things like fire safety equipment and adequate parking.

We also have a dedicated maintenance team who monitors our properties and take action if any issues are found. This includes regular monitoring as well as working with property owners to resolve any issues and bring their properties into compliance.

Additionally, we have a robust reporting system in place to ensure that all of our properties are properly registered with the city and that all relevant taxes and fees are paid.

Overall, our commitment to compliance is unwavering and we take every step necessary to ensure that our properties are operating legally and in accordance with local regulations.

Vacation Rental Authority and our team of local professionals stand by our strong commitment to our City and our neighborhoods.



Kelly Naylor
General Manager
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From: SETTERS, KELLEY
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2022 8:38 AM
To: PlanningDiv
Subject: FW: STR update

FYI- I have directed her to the short cut on the webpage for short term rentals.

Kelley Setters
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-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Fountain <foun2430@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 8:16 AM
To: SETTERS, KELLEY <KSETTERS@cdaid.org>
Subject: STR update

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Hey Kelley!

I'm sure you're busy. I'm just wondering if you guys are making progress in seconding on short term rentals?

Also,

I do want to voice the concern that these new californians and big investors that came in bought multiple houses, and rent them out.

Locals are being punished.

There is a way to manage that.

-Allowing 1 house per owner

-Requiring the renter to have a minimum time 5 years of ownership.

I agree the str situation is overboard.

The big point....

THE PEOPLE THAT CREATED THE OVERWHELMING PROBLEM ARE NOT FROM THIS COMMUNITY.

Locals should not be punished. Also, people from California should not be sitting in these boards making decisions for a community they are new to and don't really represent .

Just my two cents

Thank you,

Chris Fountain

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From: Jeremy & Melissa Radford <cdavacationrentalalliance@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 1:38 PM
To: HAMMOND, JIM
Cc: mdolan@cdapress.com
Subject: CDA Press Article
Attachments: Mayor Letter Jan 2023.docx

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CDA-Vacation Rental Alliance



Our goal as the CDA-Vacation Rental Alliance is helping our neighbors and the business owners in our community to receive a more accurate impression of the numerous positive impacts short-term rental properties have here in Coeur d'Alene. We do this through community outreach that focuses our message on a balance between safety, neighbor engagement, and benefit to both the city and property owners. We will endeavor to show that we are pursuing our American Dream to earn a living for our families in the way we love, and providing extraordinary hospitality to guests visiting our beautiful city. We trust the community of Coeur d'Alene, once informed, to help safeguard our constitutionally protected right to rent in accordance with Idaho State law.

January 3, 2023

Mr. Mayor~

We read your CDA Press interview the other day, and while we were pleased to see that you feel we have created a non-combative and solutions-based message, we continue to be disappointed by the city's unwillingness to engage stakeholders in this decision-making process. The "solutions" we have advocated for, such as creating an STR Commission, or even just including stakeholders in the City Council subcommittee you have formed with Mr. Gookin, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Evans, have been ignored. The Public Comments meeting in October, although welcome, was completely inadequate to guide the city council in making any of changes to the ordinance that have been proposed.

And even though statistical evidence for noise/disturbance complaints, most community letters/emails to the council, and a majority of the speakers at the public comments meeting were overwhelmingly in support of the STR community, the push continues to create punitive new rules against the STR community which will do nothing to preserve neighborhood integrity. The CDA Vacation Rental Alliance stands ready to assist in any way we can in finding solutions that do not trample on our constitutional right to rent.

We have recently formed an official 501 (c) (6) nonprofit organization to advance our mission in Coeur d'Alene. Our mission is as follows: *Our goal as the CDA-Vacation Rental Alliance is helping our neighbors and the business owners in our community to receive a more accurate impression of the numerous positive impacts short-term rental properties have here in Coeur d'Alene. We do this through community outreach that focuses our message on a balance between safety, neighbor engagement, and benefit to both the city and property owners. We will endeavor to show that we are pursuing our American Dream to earn a living for our families in the way we love and providing extraordinary hospitality to guests visiting our beautiful city. We trust the community of Coeur d'Alene, once informed, to help safeguard our constitutionally protected right to rent in accordance with Idaho State law.*

Cities that have successfully navigated a symbiotic relationship between STRs and the community-at-large have proactively engaged all stakeholders and looked for win-win solutions rather than create animosity and negativity between community members. Cities that have persisted in demonizing and over-restricting STRs have lost significant amounts of tourism dollars, bankrupted many STR-owning families just trying to make ends meet, and subjected themselves to expensive litigation (which usually favors property owners due to the 5th and 14th amendments of the US Constitution).

Please consider our offer of help as we begin a new year. I am hopeful that we can set an example for other communities on how to successfully navigate the relationship between STRs, local government, and the overall community of Coeur d'Alene.

Thank you!

Melissa Radford
CDA-Vacation Rental Alliance

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From: susan sindel <rapidresearch@live.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 8:17 PM
To: HAMMOND, JIM; GOOKIN, DAN; MCEVERS, WOODY
Subject: Fw: Short Term Rental - Press Release
Attachments: PRESS RELEASE February hearings (003).docx

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From: susan sindel <rapidresearch@live.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 7:30 PM
To: dgookin@cdaid.org <dgookin@cdaid.org>
Subject: Fw: Short Term Rental - Press Release

Lol! The initial maps of concentrations revealed the areas of high concentrations.. That was a year ago. So, another "soft touch". THE FIRST MAP OF VACATION RENTALS AT THE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR PROVIDED BY THIS COMPANY DISCLOSED ALL AREAS OF HEAVY STVR CONCENTRATIONS. IT'S PUBLIC RECORD FROM LAST YEARS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. Asked for public input... I sent observation that 5 of the 9 properties in my view sitting in my front yard are Short Term Vacation Rentals. Our neighborhood is destroyed.. Has been last 2 years and not another year delay. No excuse. First Map of STVR's over a year ago disclosed the areas in severe distress.

Soft touch, soft touch.... same as all local gov't reaction to NIC clown car. It's out of our hands. Out of state investors and far right republicans OWN CDA.

What does "soft touch" really mean? A woman who's been raped by a person she thought was a friend knows. She learns not to trust. CDA long term residents ARE getting raped. Trust in local gov't is gone.

From: SETTERS, KELLEY <KSETTERS@cdaid.org>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 3:05 PM
Subject: Short Term Rental - Press Release

Please see the attached Press Release for your information.

Best regards,

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MCLEOD, RENATA

From: Emily Howie <emyhowie@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 4:06 PM
To: MCLEOD, RENATA
Cc: emyhowie@protonmail.com
Subject: STR public comment for 2-14 PC meeting and 2-12 CC meeting
Attachments: STR_feedback-Howie1-24-2023.pdf

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Hello - please share the attached feedback with the Planning Commission & City Council for the upcoming discussions on the STR regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Emily Howie
506 S 15th

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

Jan 24, 2023

RE: Proposed STR Regulations

Dear Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners,

In response to the proposed STR regulations, I am in support of the agreement w/ Granicus to assist w/ compliance, the increased fines to incentivize compliance, and am OK with the increased permit fees to help cover the costs for compliance/enforcement.

However, I am **strongly opposed** to any moratorium on new permits - whether it's for one month or one year. I am also opposed to eliminating the 14-day Iron Man exemption. While I am not currently an STR operator, we purchased our home in Sander's Beach specifically for the location as we knew it's would be an ideal location for an STR to help supplement our retirement income. I'm very concerned that we are in jeopardy of losing this potential income stream that we had planned on for our retirement.

I'm sure there are many owners in similar situations, who made significant investments in fixing up the property and getting it ready to host for upcoming summer season. Now they can't even apply for the permit? You are essentially shutting down small businesses by issuing this moratorium. Would you put a moratorium on new business licenses? We thought shutting down businesses during covid was bad – how is this any different? It's the same thing.

Please consider the negative effects that this moratorium has on people's livelihoods. The cost of living has skyrocketed and a recession is looming. Tourism is what keeps the economy going and is good for the community. This is NOT the time to ban STRs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Howie

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From: Karey Scholey <karey@sco-northwest.com>
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To: WOOD, CHRISTIE; MILLER, KIKI; HAMMOND, JIM; GOOKIN, DAN; EVANS, AMY; MCEVERS, WOODY; ENGLISH, DAN
Subject: RE: Short Term Rental Renewals

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From: SETTERS, KELLEY <KSETTERS@cdaid.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 9:04 AM
Subject: Short Term Rental Renewals

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From: Ed Arevalo <casacda421@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 5:38 PM
To: GOOKIN, DAN; EVANS, AMY; WOOD, CHRISTIE; MILLER, KIKI; ENGLISH, DAN; MCEVERS, WOODY; HAMMOND, JIM
Subject: NEW STR renewal process

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January 25, 2023

Re: New STR Renewal process

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I would like to bring something to your attention that you may, or may not be aware of.

Since we are rapidly approaching the STR permit renewal date, I reached out to Kelley Setters to begin the process of renewing my current STR permit. I was immediately told the city is not currently accepting applications for renewal until March 1st. When I questioned why I was told proposed changes to the current code would be presented to the council on February 21st and until March 1st NO applications would be accepted. I was told this action was directed by the mayor.

Although, each and every one of you already knows the current code (law) states that applications are due BY March 1st and not UNTIL March 1st. As a matter of fact, the current code states if an application is not submitted by March 1st the permit will expire on March 31st.

As a CDA homeowner, it was important for me from day one to follow the law and to properly and promptly apply for the initial permit and all subsequent renewals.

It truly disturbs me that city officials have decided NOT to follow the law, while at the same time expecting tax-paying homeowners to do so. I would also like to point out how unethical this is, as well as a complete dereliction of duty.

This action makes it evident the primary purpose of this new unethical policy is to simply garnish additional revenue from CDA homeowners who have followed the law. This action is NO different than if the IRS failed to accept tax payer's filings that were due on April 15th as a result of proposed changes to the tax code.

Lastly, I would like to add we are weeks away from the Feb 21st council meeting where a vote will be taken. This is of course is only true if the council and the mayor have not already agreed behind closed doors and outside of public disclosure.

Please respond as soon as time permits so I can have a clearer understanding of what our elected officials' approach is to the current law they have taken an oath to uphold, or in this case NOT.

Respectfully,
Ed Arevalo

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From: Karey Scholey <karey@sco-northwest.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 12:29 PM
To: MILLER, KIKI
Cc: WOOD, CHRISTIE; ENGLISH, DAN; HAMMOND, JIM; GOOKIN, DAN; EVANS, AMY; MCEVERS, WOODY
Subject: RE: Short Term Rental Renewals

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Regards,
Karey Scholey
Coeur d'Alene Resident

From: MILLER, KIKI <KMILLER@cdaid.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 4:03 PM
To: Karey Scholey <karey@sco-northwest.com>
Subject: Re: Short Term Rental Renewals

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Thank you for your response Mayor, I really appreciate it. It appears that staff (or someone) has placed a moratorium on accepting renewal applications at this time. We are not able to submit for renewal, although required to do so by March 1, per the City Code. The renewal portal was opened up and then suddenly it was closed the other day. That feels like a moratorium until fees can be increased without any input from Stakeholders. Also, it's my understanding that you will be asked to vote on a moratorium on NEW STR applications in Feb as well as fee increases and other changes that impact STR owners. Staff and the committee have promised time and again to invite stakeholders to the table before any regulations are proposed for approval to the PC and CC. Are they going to keep their promise before the voting request in Feb? Maybe delaying this Feb voting request until the Granicus data is in hand and the stakeholders are engaged, as promised, would be the most fair course of action by Staff and the Committee. Thanks again for responding,
Karey

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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 1:46 PM
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Ms Scholey,
Please know that there is no moratorium regarding STRs. No long term decisions have been made as well. Before any change to the code can occur, a recommendation will be brought forward to the council, a hearing will be held on the matter and the council will then decide how we might move forward.
Best to you,
Jim Hammond

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From: David Wallace <wallaceds@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 4:13 PM
To: HAMMOND, JIM
Subject: Moratorium
Attachments: Screenshot 2023-01-24 221643.jpg

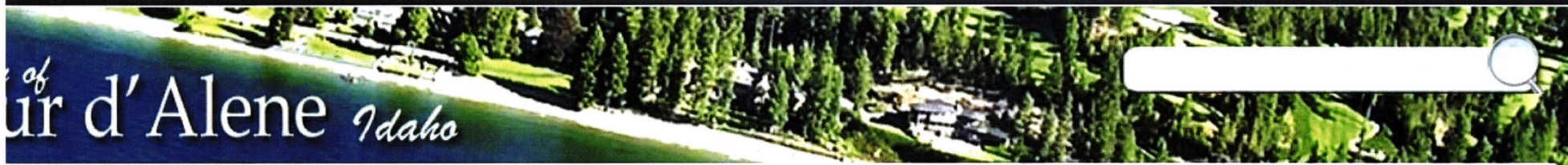
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Hi Mayor Hammond,

I am a short-term rental owner here in CDA. I went to renew my permit on the city website but the button had been removed for renewals (see attached). I stopped by the planning department and they refused to process my renewal at this time. They said they would allow me to renew at a later date after an upcoming city council meeting where they may vote to increase the renewal fees or limit renewals in other ways. She said they can't take my renewal fee because it might go up. She indicated that this was under the direction of the Mayor and approved by the city attorney. I don't believe withholding permits under existing law because the law might change is allowed by the constitution. We are being deprived of liberty and property (revenue), without due process. Imagine if the vehicle registration didn't allow folks to renew their car tags for three months because they felt the fee might increase, although nothing had been voted on. It seems to me like are forces at play that are seeking to short-circuit the legal procedure in order to expedite a certain result. I have heard only good things about you, and other than this issue I have enjoyed everything about the way our city runs. You have a good team.

Just my two cents sir. Have a great weekend!

David Wallace



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Short-Term Rental (Vacation Rentals) Ordinance

THE ONLINE APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACTIVATED!

The City of Coeur d'Alene's City Council passed rules and regulations related to short-term stays in residential structures, sometimes referred to as Vacation Rentals (VR) on December 5th, 2017.

At the last City Council meeting (January 16, 2018) the fees for short-term rentals were approved as follow:

- First year - \$285
- Annual renewals thereafter - \$96

TIMELINE:

The City of Coeur d'Alene is accepting permits online at this time. Code Enforcement will be actively searching for properties that are operating without a permit. The city will process and issue permits in the order received.

PRIOR TO FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION:

To apply for any type of license, you first need to have a personal web account issued to you. There's a button at the top of the License page (www.cdavid.org/License) that will take you to the www.cdavid.org/License/ApplyForPersonAccount page to do that. Our staff will review your application and then, upon approval, email the login details.

ONCE YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR ACCOUNT SETUP:

1. Review the supporting documents and the copy of the Short-Term-Rental ordinance below.

BADERTSCHER, SHERRIE

From: Lindsey Swingrover <lindseyswingrover@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:53 AM
To: PlanningDiv
Subject: STRs

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Hi,

I just want to add my voice to the people who are concerned with the density of short term rentals in downtown Coeur d'Alene. I am fortunate enough to live in the Sanders area, and it is absolutely devastating how few houses are actually occupied by a family year-round. I love letting my kids go to the library or Zips or walk to school, and we love being able to trick-or-treat in our neighborhood or greet friends while walking our dog. None of those things feel as comfortable as they would if it were possible to know who was in all or even most of the houses we pass.

I am particularly frustrated with the houses across the street from each other at the parking lot entrance for McEuen Park on 8th St. There's been a number of inconsiderate guests and the rental company has no interest in being contacted about it. Renters also frequently park on the street right up to the parking lot entrance, and as somebody who drives past that intersection multiple times daily, it makes it very difficult to know whether there is somebody trying to cross eighth Street there. It's generally the out of state vehicles both parked there and who blast through there without checking for pedestrians.

And none of this takes into account that we have a desperate housing shortage in our area. The annual permitting fee is extremely low compared to how much more money an owner can make in one week of vacation rentals with a house sitting vacant the rest of the month than providing secure, long-term housing for a family. My own family has decreased our use of short term rentals in other cities as a response to how devastating their effect has been on Coeur d'Alene even though as a family of 6 we see the benefits. Keep tourists in hotels and free up housing for families who can build relationships and enrich neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.
Lindsey Swingrover

Sent from my iPhone

BADERTSCHER, SHERRIE

From: Ben McFarlane <ben.jimmyjohns@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2022 7:17 AM
To: HOLM, SEAN
Subject: NYC could lose 10,000 Airbnb listings after new short-term rental regulations : NPR

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<https://www.npr.org/2022/12/28/1145709106/nyc-could-lose-10-000-airbnb-listings-because-of-new-short-term-rental-regulatio>

To limit them to people who live at the property seems to make sense if a town wants to be able to have places for workers to live. It's more expensive to rent here than the French Riviera. It's insane. It's causing businesses to be in a spiral to the bottom wage competition. Prices increase, and people who live here pay for it one way or the other. They will pay higher prices and get worse and worse service because people who need to work can't afford to live here. These towns are implementing these sensical regulations too late, and now they have caused a firestorm. Better to fix it earlier rather than later, and learn from these big cities.

BADERTSCHER, SHERRIE

From: Barb Crumpacker <crummy1810@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:40 AM
To: PATTERSON, HILARY
Subject: Thank you

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Hilary thanks to you & the rest of the folks who are keeping the STR issue alive.

It's pretty clear from today's Press article that the local Alliance doesn't care about the issues of their neighbors regarding this. I researched ownership of the 2 on my block, the one across the alley from you is owned by an Austin TX fellow, the other is in Hayden Lake.

A recent altercation with the one to the east of me happened. The STR folks left a nastygram on the windshield of longtime owners, who had parked in front of the STR place, because the usual spot in front of the owners was taken by 1 of the 5(!) vehicles at the STR. One isn't even licensed, never moves, & that house is tiny. Very frustrating.

I also heartily approve of the fines for not registering.

It's especially appreciated that there is action on this, unlike the sidewalk remediation which seems to have gone by the wayside. Even when Mayor Steve was still in office. I had emailed him about the bad condition of the sidewalks on Mullan, across from the former Pines motel. After all the threatening letters from the city that liens would be placed on our property, for example, I had mine repaired, then "get" to pay for the rest of the city folks, who didn't get theirs done!

Please let the others on your committee know, their actions are appreciated.

Barb Crumpacker