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Good Morning,

My name is Diane Whitley and my husband, Patrick and I have a VR permit on our home. We are currently inactive, but keep it in place because they're may come a time when we need to rent out our home for income. We live at 209 Parker Reef Road and I know there have been issues with two of our neighbors. One lives at the beginning of our road and seems to think that having cars drive up the road is making our street unlivable. The second is at the top of the road, so no cars pass her home. Neither are neighbors to an active rental, so not sure what the issue is. We ARE neighbors to two active rentals and in all the time we have been here, we have NEVER had an issue with renters. In the height of summer rental, we may have 1-2 additional cars drive up the road, but most of the traffic is coming from a neighbor with a teenage daughter that constantly has friends coming and going, so maybe that is where the issue really lies. Perhaps he will complain about her next. You can't move into an established place and try to change the rules to suit your own needs, wants and desires. If neighbor was so opposed to VR's then, perhaps he should have done a little more due diligence when he decided to buy property here. The VR's have been in place and have NOT affected anyone.

I am all for people using their property as they see fit, as long as it doesn't involve anything illegal, and clearly Vacation Rentals are not illegal. The islands need the income that these rentals bring in and our towns CANNOT sustain themselves without them. We need the tourist dollars and clearly there are not a lot of hotels around, so what other option is there? The majority of the people living in the San Juans were all tourist once and part of the enjoyment of the islands is that there are not the big hotels. The first time we came up from GA, we stayed in a VR and was the best holiday we have ever had. Clearly as we bought property that same week! That was 23 years ago and nothing has changed. We have rented VR's for family reunions that we have had here and needed space for 40 people.

Please do not let this commodity be taken away. The majority should not have to suffer for a few folks that have to have something to complain about or they are not happy.

Thank you,  
Diane

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-Cookie Monster