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Esteemed Council,

I respectfully add my voice to those who feel that the right of the individual property owner/s to determine for themselves how their respective properties are used should not even be subject to external deliberation - provided due care is taken to ensure that said usage does not create an unreasonable burden (in terms of disturbance and/or inconvenience) to their island neighbors.

In my case, I currently rent my property as a vacation rental which, by nature, tends to be 'seasonal'. I do so in order to keep up with the ever escalating property taxes as well as the ongoing maintenance and management expenses. Without the modest income generated by offering curious mainlanders a brief escape from their mundane big city existence, I might be forced to forfeit the property (which has been in my family since the late 50s).

As a person of modest means, I am certainly not alone in this regard. I sincerely feel that the right for property owners to responsibly rent their properties as they see fit - with due respect for fellow islanders - should remain fundamental and available to all.

The sole neighbor who is ever affected by any comings/goings of the carefully screened guests to my property has only felt compelled to complain on one occasion in the 7 years during which short term rental activity has taken place. When I am not on the island to handle any complaints that may arise myself, I ensure that on-island management along with current contact numbers (for both myself and on-site management) is made available. With proper precautions taken and due respect to island neighbors paid, this subject should rightfully remain one of 'individual choice'. Respectfully,

Will Dyer