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I want to speak FERVENTLY AGAINST allowing unlimited (or actually, anything further at all) vacation rental permits on SJI. I'd prefer there not be any more in the entire county, but since I live on San Juan Island itself, I'll speak just for this island. PLEASE know there are hundreds of us who are (some silently) praying this proliferation stops.

Vacation rentals are a nightmare for a neighborhood. People coming and going at all hours... many of them have unpermitted parties which the neighbors have to live with... garbage, often on the roads and/or in and around the homes, attracting rodents and other wildlife... loads of extra traffic (every few days there's a new batch!) on our already-not-well-maintained county or private dirt and gravel roads. Dust. Noise. Crowds in town and around the foxes and interfering with other wildlife. Lack of understanding of, and respect for, our very fragile infrastructure, including roads, wild areas, fire danger, pets. And our county doesn't have the staff to "fix" the leftovers.

PLEASE. I don't want us to become Cape Cod, or Seattle, or the Grand Canyon, or any other tourist hell. PLEASE come to a limit for vacation rentals on SJI. Our beautiful island is screaming for your help!

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