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To: [Planning Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Westhaven STR's should be 2% NOT 8%
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On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 11:47, Mara Parker <maracparker@aol.com> wrote:

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On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 11:45, Mara Parker <maracparker@aol.com> wrote:

Thank you for responding to my email, Commissioner O'Neal.

I haven't read the ordinance to comment on the specific language. What I'm trying to make clear is that Westhaven should have the 2% cap. So, if those existing ones are grandfathered in because they are legally permitted, no further permits should be issued until the amount dips back under 2%. That might take a while but that's the hole that the county dug for Westhaven.

I really appreciate your time.

Sincerely,
Mara Parker

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On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 10:47, peggyoneill1953@gmail.com wrote:

The ordinance that is being proposed would allow all existing STRs to apply and be approved if they have no outstanding unresolved violations. There are also exceptions within the draft that are not included in the 2% CAP. After the existing

STRs are approved, the 2% CAP would apply to adding new STRs in the future. There will also be a limit to the number of STRs a single person can own. The number in the draft is currently 5, but that is still open to change.

Please consider making comments on the draft STR ordinance on specific language within the ordinance.

From: Mara Parker <maracparker@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 12:05 PM
To: peggyoneill1953@gmail.com
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On Monday, October 30, 2023, 11:58, Mara Parker <maracparker@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Humboldt County Planning Commissioners,

I just watched your latest meeting regarding the proposed 2% cap on short term rentals in the county. Being a long term home owner in Westhaven, I was so excited to hear that this was finally happening as I've been complaining about them for over a decade. (Please scroll through my Facebook page: Save Westhaven from Vacation Rentals and White Collar Greed) for more information.

Throughout the last decade, I was surrounded on three sides by vacation rentals. (A good, long term neighbor was even evicted so the new owner could turn his home into an STR.) My children and I suffered from the constant flow of strangers. They had so many loud parties, trespassed on my property, urinated on my property along with their dogs, were disruptive and disrespectful and did not

care that people were trying to sleep or just enjoy life next door. (My children were subjected to hearing foul language along with loosing sleep. They went to school exhausted because of this.) I constantly contacted the property managers or the owners of the properties and was routinely gaslit. I was basically told that my complaints were all in my head! These profiteers only care about making money. Period.

Humboldt County is in desperate need of housing stock. Both Westhaven and Trinidad need REAL neighbors back. Kids can't even trick or treat here anymore! There aren't enough homes lived in by REAL neighbors. Parents have to take their kids to McKinleyville or Arcata to celebrate Halloween.

I'm happy to report that the last STR on my street has been shut down and is being sold. But, I'm told that the new buyers are from Maryland and wanted it to remain completely furnished. I certainly hope that doesn't mean another STR is returning!

Westhaven is a good place to live but there is no available housing here anymore. It has been gobbled up by the profiteers and their STR's.

Please do the right thing here and apply the 2% cap on STR's across the board in all of Humboldt County. Give Westhaven back its community and give our community back the reason we live here: Peaceful living among the redwoods.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Mara Parker
Westhaven, Ca

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