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Dear all,

As a vacation home owner in this state (Newbury side of PI) and also Georgia (Savannah which has STVR regulations and registration) and the owner of 10 63rd in Newburyport as of 2/14/22, I would like to express my concerns over the language of the proposed ordinance.

I support some regulation in having rules and attestations to the condition of the home & safety for example - having fire extinguishers as well as smoke & carbon detectors, providing maximum occupancy based on # of bedrooms and availability of parking, & having a local contact for out of area homeowners managing the property themselves.

What I don't support is a 24/7 response is not realistic nor is a 1 hour call out for noise or issues with neighbors during the hours of 10pm-7am. I am curious to know how many noise violations the police were called out to in summer weeks on PI? I would like to see this data and if data supports call outs to Plum Island related to noise, then I would propose a noise ordinance for the island that would be monitored by the police (like what is already in place). I really don't think noise violations are an issue as someone who stays on the island AND rents her house to guests. I have never been called by a neighbor complaining about noise in the 4 years I have been hosting guests on the island. I do support if there are noise complaints over a certain amount per year (perhaps 5 strikes you're out?) that someone could lose their license for a period of time. Let's say you have one bad family for a week and they are loud- is it realistic and even feasible to cancel everyone's vacations for the rest of the summer?

I also think that having the registration process go through before summer is not possible to implement. Homes are already rented for this year and 2023 in some cases. I would be open to an inspection by the city at some point. For instance, in the city of Boston, for any rentals, there is a once every 5 years inspection with a \$75 fee which is randomly selected. This is to keep slum lords in check. I am not aware of any slum lords on PI. Public hearings for any registrant is overkill on PI as the culture of the island is vacation renters. No one buys on Plum Island thinking their neighbors won't rent their house out and most owners recognize this is a rental community by large. I do recognize downtown Newburyport is a different animal and this can't be a one size fits all ordinance. I am happy to have a conversation with any of you regarding ideas if an ordinance is a must

for the island. Frankly, I think PI should be excluded all together from any ordinance but understand that may not be feasible.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and please let me know if any of you would like to meet for coffee or a video chat.

Sincerely,
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