

Port Clinton City Council -- Safety & Service Committee

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 6:25 p.m.

Conference Room: Open Meeting Notes/ Short-Term Rentals

Council Committee Members:

Beth Gillman-Ward 1; Pat Hovis-At Large; Margaret Phillips-Ward 3, Chairman

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Views of Public Present:

Clara Dracka: concerned about "absentee" owners, wants to limit STR numbers, 33% STRs?

John Jadwisiak: two STRs near him, has spoken to the out of state owners, STRs hosts aren't always in the vicinity per the ordinance; a "Slutin Bay" sign was removed after request; renter walked outside naked; spoke to owner who "blows him off"; a hot tub near both his property and another close STR home has noisy late parties; plenty of late-night car door slamming. Thinks a better way of tracking in general is needed.

Karen O'Keeffe: said people complain that "times have changed" like cell phones; said her STRs are "special" and is satisfied with those who stay at hers. Some are repeat customers.

Patrick O'Keeffe: Is there a review of STRs at the early Spring fee-paying time to see if there were complaints? Some owners pay cleaners to keep the units/homes clean, thereby providing employment. Does not want to ban STRs.

Angela Auxter: we need affordable housing; spoke of vehicle parking issues, do not ban but control

Drew Gatliff: need more restrictions on STRs locations, STRs are a business and should be cited/notified for infractions, people who are cited should lose residential zone spots, STRs should be capped, a housing shortage for starter homes exists. Establish a wait-list if the capped number is met.

Dan Laird: lives near John Jadwisiak, shares his problems, STRs drive on his property, walk on his property, use power tools after 11 p.m., legal complaints filed on the STRs cause full-time residents to lose time in court,

Conversation followed Public Comments:

STRs are not zoned as such but could be banned only from residential zones R1, R-3, and R-4

Failing to have a full-time host is an infraction which can cause the out-of-town owners to lose their license.

Police need to ticket so STRs know the City is serious. Need a list of infractions so administration can monitor the number and differences between STRs and non-STRs.

A motion by Councilman Beth Gillman and seconded by Councilman Pat Hovis, states "I move we place a moratorium on all short-term rental registrations in Zones R1, R3, and R4." By a vote of the council committee, the motion passes three to zero.

Mrs. Hovis moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Gillman. All agreed.

Signed, Margaret Phillips, Chairman