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## Short Term Rentals

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Maureen,

You asked me to comment on some of the ideas from the 12/2 Ordinance Committee meeting.

Here are my initial thoughts:

***Regarding the idea to remove the building code standards from the ordinance and rely on the State Fire Marshall.***

The Fire Marshall does not get involved in these types of rentals so if Cape Elizabeth wants additional building codes enforces it will need to be part of the ordinance. The only way to save me time is to not have these requirements or re-write them (which I am willing to do) into a simpler form.

***STR operators should have a good neighbor brochure but not put it in the ordinance.***

I agree

***The sewer and parking references should be deleted.***

I agree that the sewer references could be deleted but parking should be dealt with somehow. Parking is a big concern for neighbors.

***The 3 strikes penalty deleted in favor of CEO discretion.***

I think we need some sort of enhanced enforcement technique built into the ordinance. Treating an STR violation as a zoning violation is too slow of a process. It could take 8-12 weeks to levy a penalty after a violation.

Let me know if there is anything else I can comment on.

Regards,  
Ben

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