

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We have a city permitted/city inspected ADU, which, it seems, is not going to qualify under the short term rental ordinance. We built it at great expense under the auspices that it would be a safe, legal structure (and it is). We also built it specifically for short-term rental, so it is only 290 square feet. It is far too small for someone to live in long term, but very comfortable for someone who is spending most of their days at the beach, or touring the city, etc. The logic that if we don't rent it short term, that this unit will move into the long term rental stock is flawed and unfair. It is the equivalent of an extra bedroom and should be treated as part of the house, but because of the permit process we're going to be penalized by this ordinance. I also don't understand how the city can let un-permitted, un-inspected conversions (garages, pool houses, etc) to be rented short term, but keeping new ADU's (that the city collected permit fee's on, and made more expensive by requiring they be built to code) off the market. ADU's should be allowed to be rented short term. The city took our money for permits but now wants to limit our use of the unit to recoup that cost. It is patently unfair and shortsighted. The city should rectify this problem in the upcoming vacation rental ordinance.