

Information for both guest speakers, signs for docks and Hotel House Keywords if you would like to contact the City Commissioners.

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Officer Skinner has also shared information for possible signs that maybe helpful for the neighborhood and can be made at a local sign shop and used by anyone with a dock.

The first photo that is black/red is the one used over in Harbor Acres. They were purchased from "Signs in One Day." They purchased 22 signs for around \$39 a sign. I spoke to a resident today and they said they have seen decrease in speeding boats.

The second photo is a true channel permitted sign if you wanted to go more traditional style. Please see the contact information for the sign shop.

Signs In One Day
4118 Bee Ridge Rd
Sarasota, FL 34233
941-371-7446



Don Farr wrote up a great:

**Hotel House Vacation Rentals Summary of Issues & Key Points for Use in
Corresponding with Commissioners**

- The advent of on-line vacation rental booking platforms such as VRBO and Airbnb has given rise to a sharp increase in investors who acquire residential property for the express purpose of operating the property for profit as a commercial short-term rental. This is particularly true for vacation destinations such as Sarasota.
- The operation of a commercial business of this nature in a residentially zoned neighborhood is an incompatible use and has a number of negative consequences on neighborhoods including:
 - Effectively having new neighbors every week damages the feeling of community within a neighborhood and leads to safety and security concerns for permanent residents.
 - As the name suggests, the users of vacation rentals are usually on vacation. When people are on vacation, they naturally want to party and have a good time. This can disturb the quiet nature and atmosphere and residents' right to the peaceful use and enjoyment of their homes
 - If one or more properties become a nuisance, surrounding neighbors may decide to sell rather than deal with the revolving door of neighbors and accompanying issues. The highest bidder is often another investor with the same intentions of using the property commercially. This leads to the erosion of the residential character and undermines the long-term stability of the neighborhood.
- After delaying any action for years, the city on 5/4/21 adopted a new ordinance to address the issue of Vacation Rentals. A new chapter 34.5 entitled Vacation Rentals is being added to the City Code (as opposed to the Zoning Code). The ordinance does the following:
 - Adopts the definition for Vacation Rental as used in Florida State Statutes 509.242 Public Lodging Establishments:
 - (c) Vacation rental. –A vacation rental is any unit or group of units in a condominium or cooperative or any individually or collectively owned single-family, two-family, three-family, or four-family house or dwelling unit that is also a transient public lodging establishment but that is not a timeshare project.
 - A transient public lodging establishment is defined in Florida Statute 509.013 as follows: “Transient public lodging establishment” means any unit, group of units, dwelling, building, or group of buildings within a single complex of buildings which is rented to guests more than three times in a calendar year for periods of less than 30 days or 1 calendar month,

whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to guests.

- Requires mandatory registration with the city of any Vacation Rental.
 - Limit's occupancy of a vacation rental to two persons per bedroom plus an additional two persons or 10 persons total, whichever is less. By example, a four-bedroom vacation rental and a five-bedroom vacation rental would each have a max occupancy of 10. A three bedroom would have a max occupancy of 8.
 - Controls parking by requiring "all vehicles associated with the vacation rental" to park in the driveway or a designated parking area on the property.
- While the ordinance was originally drafted to apply to ALL city neighborhoods, a change to the draft language in advance of the first reading of the ordinance at the commission meeting held 4/6/21, limited the application of the ordinance to only the Coastal Islands Overlay District- comprised of Lido, Bird Key, and the small portion of the city located on Siesta Key. The logic was that this is where the problem seems to be the worst and where the residents have been most vocal in complaining.
 - **We need to convince commissioners that this problem is not limited to the Coastal Islands Overlay District. It is a problem for all city neighborhoods and will be increasingly so as time goes on. We want the ordinance amended to extend its application city-wide.**

If you would like to write to our City Commissioners regarding the Hotel House Ordinance and hoping to make it city wide, here are the email addresses of our District 2 commissioner and all the other Commissioners and city Attorney Fournier below.

Contact your City Commissioners:

Mayor: (At-Large) Hayden Brody: Hayden.Brody@sarasotafl.gov
Vice Mayor: (District 3) Erik Arroyo: Erik.Arroyo@sarasotafl.gov
Commissioner: (District 1) Kyle Battie: Kyle.Battie@sarasotafl.gov
Commissioner: **(District 2)** Liz Alpert: Liz.Alpert@sarasotafl.gov
Commissioner: (At-Large) Jen Ahern-Koch: Jen.Ahern-Koch@sarasotafl.gov
City Attorney: Robert Fournier: Robert.Fournier@sarasotafl.gov

As always should you have any questions feel free to reach out:

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If you think you can do it, you can!