

SB621, sponsored by Sen. Fred Girod (R-Stayton), would prohibit local government from enforcing ordinances restricting use of residential properties as vacation rental dwellings (VRDs). Passage of the measure would virtually eliminate local government's ability to enforce regulations restricting use of lawful dwellings for short-term vacation occupancy except to require owners to register the unit and pay a reasonable registration fee and transient lodging tax, as required by state law.

Lincoln City already has way too many VRD's and, over the years, has struggled to successfully enact sound ordinances supported by the majority of its residents to cap their further growth. Allowing further growth in VRD's will continue to reduce the availability of our affordable housing and, as a member of a Just Peace Church, I am a strong advocate for housing justice both in my home state of Oregon as well as nationwide.

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