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Hello,

I received a mailed notification about a possible change in the short term rental policy.

I would like to share a few comments and concerns.

1) The impact of visitor density on the dunes

2) Trash disposal issues - guests/dogs

3) Trash disposal issues- blown over cans.

I appreciate your time to consider these concerns.

I believe that The saturation level of short term rentals in the Jetty area is far denser than the city intended due to the peninsular structure of the jetty housing and the housing density of the area.

There are many vacant lots and many of the existing houses border undeveloped areas. This area is heavily impacted by the ratio of short term rental properties.

The dune areas are of particular concern- people are taking short cuts to view or access the beach and beating paths on the dunes. There is signage but the foot traffic is still occurring regularly. The dune area near our home has become a worn pathway to the beach. Like everyone on this jetty, these homes sit in a lowland and the dunes are our only protection against flooding.

There's been an uptick in this activity since Covid restrictions have eased. It includes people coming directly from short term rental homes. I'd like to mention that It doesn't take many rule breakers to have a negative impact. Since the turnover of guests is rapid, there are a lot of visitors in the small jetty area. The more worn out the path gets, the more likely it is to be utilized by others.

We are concerned about the degradation of the fragile dune habitat with the foot traffic erosion.

2) The only public trash cans in the jetty area are in the parking lot.

Is it possible to get another one at the top and the base of the Madison paved footpath?

It's not uncommon to encounter litter or a bag or two of doggy doodles that have been bagged up and then abandoned.

3) It's worth mentioning that sometimes the short term rental trash cans are put out on the street but blow over in strong winds and scatter the garbage before the cans are picked up. There's no resident to check them for these unexpected incidents.

We appreciate that you have taken the time to hear our concerns.

Thanks,
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