

Planners to ponder short-term rentals

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Editor:

Calaveras County Planning Director Bret Sampson on July 24 reported to the Planning Commission that a new ordinance on short-term vacation rentals and a code change regarding special events will be coming forward to the Planning Commission soon. Both of these matters address the conflicts that arise as commercial party venues increasingly invade residential areas and both of these matters will require a delicate balancing of interests.

The proposal must balance the rights of residential neighbors to quietly enjoy their property, the economic interests of the owners of the rental units to allow late night parties on their properties, and the desires expressed from the Board of Supervisors to support these rental units that serve tourists and generate revenue for the county government.

The changes to the special events ordinance are expected to balance the concerns of residential neighbors of commercial wedding venues to have their businesses explicitly validated in the county zoning code.

If you are one of the people who has concerns regarding a short-term vacation rental or a wedding venue in their residential neighborhood, contact the Planning Commission before they meet to discuss these ordinance and code changes. You can send an email to the Planning Commission through their clerk at ahuse@calaverascounty.gov . You can send an email to the director of the planning department at Bsampson@calaverascounty.gov .

Thank you for your help in planning and implementing a brighter future for Calaveras County.

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