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Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to request that you vote to limit the number of short term rental permits to the July 2021 level of active and compliant permits.

I feel that VRs are seriously degrading the quality of life in the County, particularly on Orcas. They damage neighborhoods and community. Where I live in Westsound, not water front, there's a VR across the street and while they aren't usually obnoxious we have no community with them, they often leave lights on all night, sometimes have barking dogs, etc. The property to the west used to be a VR and again, no community and lots of slamming of car doors at ferry time. This property was sold and bought by a young couple who we've become close friends with, community...as it should be instead of profits to an absentee owner.

Also, everyone knows housing for the people who work on the island is almost impossible to find. Both of these properties used to be in that category and while they are VRs they're unavailable .

Please do what's best for Orcas and the County and limit the VR numbers to the July 2021 level.

Thank you, Steve Mckenna