





## Submission of Sworn Public Comment for Public Hearings Legislative and Quasi-Judicial

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### Your name\*

Susan Baker  
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1577 Thumb Point Dr Fort Pierce  
Street Address City

### Meeting Date\*

05/17/2021

### Agenda Item\*

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### TESTIMONY/COMMENTS\*

Dear Mayor and Commissioners',

Please treat all applicants for short- term rentals equally and follow the Florida state law. Each applicant who applies for a short-rental permit agrees to the conditions set forth. It is extremely sad that neighborhoods have to be divided over short-term rentals. Those property owners who chose to apply for a short term rental permits have experience unpleasant exchanges with opposing neighbors. The process has placed a tremendous toll on families especially those with children. Those opposing residents are spreading fear and hate. Homeowners who decide to share their space with guests do not want to disturb their community. The host or property manager will remove all guests who do not follow the rules immediately. Sharing a residential home with guests is not a commercial business. The fact remains that besides fear of the unknown and hypothetical situations

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Baker

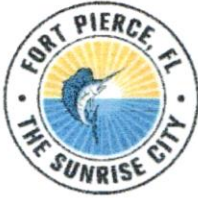
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**TESTIMONY/COMMENTS (continued)**

I hope that all the neighbors involved can live amongst each respectfully without retaliation, threats, and fears.



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Ms Sharon Scalone  
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1132 Granada Street Fort Pierce, FL  
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1507 Faber Court - Conditional Use

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**TESTIMONY/COMMENTS\***

I am in full agree of this Conditional Use of this property.

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### Your name\*

Mr                      Larry                      Winter  
Prefix                  First Name                      Last Name

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### TESTIMONY/COMMENTS\*

I am in support of issuing a dwelling rental conditional use permit to the Guarnizo's for their house at 1507 Faber Ct.

This dwelling rental request is 100% consistent with the Federal Law on Fair Housing, with Florida State Statute 509.032 on vacation rentals, with the City of Fort Pierce Ordinances and City zoning tables, with legal opinions from the Florida Attorney General on vacation rentals, and several Florida Court rulings on vacation rentals.

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Larry Winter

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## TESTIMONY/COMMENTS (continued)

Several of the neighbors will say this vacation rental will devalue their homes. I simply suggest they just go look at the Guarnizo's house. It has the best curb appeal of any house on the street.

Having seen the house, I can tell you the inside and back yard have a plush spa oasis look and feel. This house brings up values on their street.

These owners have chosen to make a big investment in Fort Pierce with their home. They will NOT want loud guests, lot of cars, big piles of trash, or unsafe streets. They will want guests that take care of the house, respect the neighborhood, and peacefully enjoy all the amenities that the City of Fort Pierce offers.

This purchase is part of the Guarnizo's long term financial plan. They can not afford to have it be a problem for them or their neighbors.

If the neighbors or commission want to deny the request because of potential traffic or unsafe streets, I would point you to a legal opinion by the Florida Attorney General (Opinion #AGO 2014-09).

Quote: "While a local government may regulate vacation rentals, it may NOT enact a local law, ordinance, or regulation which would operate to prohibit vacation rentals. To the extent a zoning ordinance addresses vacation rentals in an attempt to prohibit them in a particular area where residences are otherwise allowed, it would appear that a local government would have exceeded the regulatory authority granted in section 509.032".

If a street is unsafe for a short term vacation rental, it is then also unsafe for a long term rental or a full time homeowner that lives on that street. The street should be shut down immediately.



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### Your name\*

Darrin Simmons  
Prefix First Name Last Name

### Your address\*

40 Country Lake Cir. Boynton Beach  
Street Address City

### Meeting Date\*

5/17/2021 @ 16:30

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My comments are on the next page titled Testimony/Comments (continued). Thanks for your time.

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Darrin Simmons

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## TESTIMONY/COMMENTS (continued)

To whom it may concern,

My name is Darrin Simmons and I'm writing on behalf of Andres Guarnizo and Sue Santiago who purchased 1507 Faber Ct. in the Thumb Point community on Hutchinson Island. My family has lived across the street from Andres and Sue for about 10 years now and we are grateful to have them as neighbors. Andres did 5 overseas tours in the US Army and fortunately he came home physically in one piece. He now works with a company who services satellite systems on cruise ships all over the world. Sue runs a medical company and their son Michael is currently serving in the US Army. He recently completed Ranger school. Sue reminds us when to pray for her baby by placing a yellow ribbon on their mailbox when Michael is overseas. Their oldest daughter Chris has worked her way up into management at a local car dealership and their youngest daughter is in middle school. Out of all of the places in Florida to purchase a home, they've invested well over a half million dollars in a home in your community. Do you really think they are going to do anything that would negatively affect their investment? Their home in Boynton Beach is one of the top 2 if not THE most beautiful home in our community. It is always manicured and maintained. Even their garage is always in order. Sue runs a tight ship at home. Maybe that's why Andres is such a good husband, he's used to taking orders. This amazing family wants to share their home with like minded people so they too can enjoy Hutchinson Island and support the local businesses. But you choose to condemn them when they haven't done anything wrong. They have and are currently serving our country, they are faithful to God, have strong family values and love their neighbors. I recently read a published article ranking the top 25 most dangerous cities in Florida and Fort Pierce came in the top 5. So you already live in one of the most dangerous city in Florida, crime is happening all around but you're worried that this family will bring the community to its knees. Meanwhile, you litter your yards and trash your neighborhoods with signs saying Airbnb is evil but nothing could be further from the truth. I own several short term rentals, not in your city and I've never had any problems or issues. In fact, short term rentals are usually the best kept properties. I bet a lot of you have stayed in an Airbnb home at some point. Andres and Sue only want to allow high end guests who will probably pay more per night than the most expensive room at your Marriott. Somehow this bothers you, yet you're okay with your neighbors junking up their yards with shipping containers and storage sheds made of wood and chicken wire. Most people prefer Airbnb over hotels these days so they can have all the luxuries of home when they are on vacation without needing to worry if the room next door has covid. Some of the big hotel chains are moving to this concept. It's truly disturbing how you are treating this fine family. Keep in mind that they are Ft. Pierce property owners and have rights as well. Their plan is to eventually make Ft. Pierce their full-time home. How about you stop bullying them and try being neighborly by welcoming this family to your "fine" city.

Thank you for your time.



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Mrs Tiffany Wright Ofeimu  
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1507 Faber Ct. - Conditional Use

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### TESTIMONY/COMMENTS\*

I am a short-term rental permit holder in Fort Pierce. I had my permit for almost a year now. My condominium has been booked since the granting of the permit for almost every day. My only complaint is that I have limited personal used time due to the popular demand. My clients, as well as myself, come into town and spend lots of money in the city of Fort Pierce, which helps to support the economy. A majority of my clients are seniors visiting the area from northern states. In addition, I host many small families coming for sporting events, such as baseball. No guest has ever thrown a party in my unit. Furthermore, none of my guests came in more than one vehicle. I would like to address the concern about traffic and increase vehicles due to STRs. I just would like to say this does not make logical sense. I will use my own personal situation to make my point because it is similar to me. I have three sons.

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At one point we were all living in the same home and two of the three boys were driving in addition to my husband and I. We had four cars at our home. However, every year we went on a family vacation and we drove in one car or flew somewhere and then rented one car. It does not make sense that short-term leaseholders would increase traffic or create parking issues. More than likely a long-term resident or a permanent resident would have more vehicles therefore for creating more traffic. There is no evidence presented that confirms that short-term rentals provide a safety or traffic concern for the community. In fact, with the number of short-term rentals that are already licensed, it would be easy to point to some verifiable evidence if there was any. These claims of safety and traffic issues are only hypothetical assumptions based on a lack of understanding of vacation rentals.

I am implore you all to follow the law and make ethical decisions regarding the granting of conditional permits.



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### Your name\*

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Short term rentals offer more security than do our hotels. Air B n B perform a background check and a rental history. Home owners will have the opportunity to screen renters and questions before entering an agreement. These rentals will be utilized by families looking to explore our area and visit loved ones currently here.

Air b n b rentals are much cleaner and offer a more unique experience than hotels. Both partners have incentive to follow the rules and take exceptional care of the property.

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Mike Nole

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### Your name\*

Mrs Sally

Griffith

Prefix First Name

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### Your address\*

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Street Address

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### Agenda Item\*

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### TESTIMONY/COMMENTS\*

My husband bought our home at 1510 Thumb Point Drive 45 years ago. All this time, we have enjoyed our single family home in a safe and peaceful community. Now, we must defend our rights, as long term property owners and residents of South Hutchinson Island, FL, against new investors in short term house rentals on our island.

We believe that the current short term rental request for the property at 1507 Faber Court, Fort Pierce, FL is not compatible with the neighborhood because of the proximity to adjacent homes and the narrow, 20 ft wide street with no sidewalks and dim street lighting. Any extra traffic on this street with no sidewalks would be a safety risk by interfering with passage of pedestrians and the small children who ride bikes and scooters and play ball on this street.

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It would have a negative effect on our way of life and the general welfare of the neighbors and neighborhood of Thumb Point, Fort Pierce, FL.

A specific concern is the owner's interest in our neighborhood and their Intentions for this house, since they applied for homestead exemption, do not live there and have requested an approval for this conditional use.

Our other concerns with this short term rentals is not having a property manager on the premises, having inadequate insurance to protect neighbors from unforeseen occurrences and having unlicensed, unvaccinated, or unruly dogs.

We are asking you to please deny this request.