



Virginia Beach Property Rights Coalition

Virginia Beach has long supported the tourism strategy of attracting families to Virginia Beach. **Short-term vacation rentals have attracted this market for over eight decades, older than the City of Virginia Beach itself!**

This industry is not peculiar to Virginia Beach. In fact, the vacation rental market has been growing as the choice for travelling families that prefer vacationing in a home rather than renting multiple hotel rooms.

We believe in 3 key concepts:

- 1. Vacation rentals with professional management are a benefit to the city, the tax base, the local businesses which depend on visitors for their livelihoods.**
- 2. Virginia Beach must respect the property rights of property owners who engage in vacation rentals**
- 3. Virginia Beach should continue its reputation as a pro-business city and not take activist steps to curtail or negatively impact the huge tourism market that vacation rentals attract.**

Virginia Beach's competitors embrace this rental market while Virginia Beach risks regulating this vacation rental market out of existence.

To keep Virginia Beach competitive as a tourism destination, we recommend the following:

- Vacation Rentals should be designated "by right" in coastal areas, with an emphasis on proper management and enforcement.
- **We support elimination of the cumbersome, time-consuming CUP requirements and support administrative review and approval.**
- No new regulations should apply to Sandbridge.
- **We support local, licensed, professional management for vacation rentals as they must maintain the highest professional standards. A designated local representative for the property should be required with contact information posted outside each property.**
- We support 2 per bedroom occupancy with children under sixteen exempt from the occupancy calculation.
- We support a parking formula of one space for the first two bedrooms and one-to-one thereafter, with garage spaces included in this calculation.
- Second and third floor decks should be inspected every three years.
- Coastal, resort condominium buildings should be considered exempt from the ordinance because they are subject to their governing documents.
- Rental frequency should be limited to 52 contracts per year.

