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Planning Commission Siskiyou County;

I recently received information that three conditions are being discussed about vacation rentals:

1. Annual $500.00 inspection fee and inspection’
2. $20.00 nightly lodgers fee on top of the occupancy and tourist tax already collected.
3. A moratorium on new permits if the available long term rentals goes below a certain amount. These fees are to be used to help provide low income/ affordable housing?

There is rumor that most of the information the commission is receiving is from an out of area consultant and comparing Siskiyou County with Tahoe and Santa Clara.

I believe you will lose income. Many times I have heard “We ski Mt. Shasta because it is affordable to us.” Tahoe has become way too expensive. A middle income family is much more comfortable spending a week-end here with lower skiing and housing rates. I’m sure Tahoe would love Siskiyou County’s housing rates to go up and become a less competitive draw away from them.

Less people will come

I know some people, I being one of them, will no longer seek a permit and continue sending the 14% in taxes they generate.

Many like myself will probably sell our homes, we’ve owned ours for two generations . We cannot afford to keep our second home in McCloud.

How much will it cost the county to regulate people who are operating non-permitted homes. Will the $500.00 annual fee cover the cost of inspectors?

What will be the affect on the tourist industry the county has worked so hard to build up?

McCloud Chamber of Commerce has done a wonderful job promoting tourism to McCloud. The motels are full during the Summer and Ski Seasons. There are new restaurants. McCloud is known throughout Northern California. The trail between the 3Falls is a parade in the summer time and the fishing holes are full of fishermen. Vacation rentals are a part of this success.

People need places to stay. I may be a cynic, but there must be a powerful hotel lobby in this state that is doing it’s best eliminate short term vacation rentals.

Taxation and regulation do not mean prosperity.

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