

### **Short-term Residential Rental Study Issue**

#### **Open City Hall survey results**

Attached is a summary of the results of the online survey for the subject issue. As of July 22, 2015, 145 survey responses were received. In order to save printing paper, to review the individual comments, go to the Open City Hall web page listed below, and click on the "Feedback" link.

[http://sunnyvale.peakdemocracy.com/portals/209/Forum\\_576/Issue\\_2616](http://sunnyvale.peakdemocracy.com/portals/209/Forum_576/Issue_2616)

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All On Forum Responses sorted chronologically

As of July 22, 2015, 2:42 PM



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## Introduction

Short-term residential rentals (less than 30 days) are growing in popularity, including in Sunnyvale. Services such as Airbnb allow people to rent all or parts of their homes as alternative travel accommodations that provide homeowners or renters with extra income. These services may benefit homeowners, but there are concerns about the impacts on neighborhoods, including concerns about noise, safety and traffic. Short-term rentals are currently prohibited in Sunnyvale.

The City is currently looking into this issue, and a first step in the process is to gain feedback from the community about their concerns and comments. One method of collecting community feedback is through the use of a simple survey.

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*What are your thoughts on short-term residential rentals (e.g., Airbnb) in Sunnyvale?*

As of July 22, 2015, 2:42 PM, this forum had:

Attendees: 518






On Forum Responses: 145

Hours of Public Comment: 13.5


This topic started on April 3, 2015, 9:56 AM.

## Responses




### What best describes your type of home?

		%	Count
Single-family home		85.5%	124
Townhouse in an HOA		6.2%	9
Condominium		2.1%	3
Apartment		3.4%	5
Mobile home		2.8%	4

### Have you ever used short-term rental services? Select all that apply.

		%	Count
Used it in my travels		53.1%	77
Rented out a room in my home for less than 30 days		3.4%	5
Rented out my entire home for less than 30 days		2.8%	4
None of the above		45.5%	66

### What values do you see in allowing short-term rental of residential property? Select all that apply.

		%	Count
Provides additional income		78.3%	101
Gives alternatives to standard hotels and motels		77.5%	100
Other		38.8%	50






### If allowed, what do you see as potential issues? Select all that apply.

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		%	Count
Noise		55.4%	67
Traffic		44.6%	54
Safety		59.5%	72
Parking		75.2%	91
Other		38.8%	47

How do you feel about the City of Sunnyvale allowing these short-term rentals in residential areas/homes, with some regulation?

Answered 140

Skipped 5

- airbnb all allowed business do don from guests home homes hotel  
house like long more neighborhood neighbors one out owner  
people property regulations rental rentals s short  
short-term so some sunnyvale support t term than them they  
think who

If you are NOT supportive of allowing short-term rentals in Sunnyvale, would you be more supportive if the owner/resident lived in the unit while it is being rented?

		%	Count
Yes, I would be more supportive.		22.5%	29
No, I would still not support allowing short-term rentals		26.4%	34
N/A - I am generally supportive of short-term rentals		51.2%	66

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**Regardless of how you currently feel about allowing short-term rentals, if the City does ultimately approve of them, should short-term rentals pay transit occupancy tax (TOT) like any hotel, motel or bed and breakfast?**

		%	Count
Yes		69.7%	101
No		30.3%	44

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**Should short-term residential rentals be limited to single-family homes, and not multi-family units?**

		%	Count
Yes		15.2%	22
No		53.8%	78
N/A (should not be allowed for either type of dwelling)		31.0%	45

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