



Your help is needed on three bills working their way through the Arizona State Legislature.

There are TWO short-term rental bills in Legislative Committees tomorrow (Feb. 20), **SB 1554 and HB 2875**. The proposals return some of the local decision-making to cities regarding the regulation of short-term rental businesses.

These bills take the steps in the right direction:

- Protect neighborhoods
- Prevent unsafe hotels (commercial activity) in neighborhoods

The proliferation of short-term rental investor properties has impacted homeowner property rights. We have worked hard to make our neighborhoods safe and clean places to live and raise a family and these bills aim to give cities back tools to manage the proliferation of the investor-owned businesses in residential neighborhoods.

Legislators will be voting on SB 1554 and HB 2875 tomorrow morning, committees meet at 8:30 a.m.

1) SB 1554: Short-Term Rental Enforcement; Penalties, sponsored by Senator Brophy McGee, this bill states that if a vacation rental or short-term rental that is not a person's primary or secondary residence or is owned or operated by a corporate entity, and a majority homeowner is not on the premises of the vacation rental or short-term rental for the duration of the rental, the property cannot be rented more than one time in a 30-day period unless a county or municipality adopts an ordinance allowing the owner to rent more frequently in a 30-day period. Also, vacation rentals and short-term rentals cannot advertise to exceed the occupancy limit of the dwelling or for any nonresidential use. An online lodging operator that falsifies information to an online lodging marketplace is guilty of a petty offense. The bill also modifies other violation penalties. The full text of SB 1554 can be found at <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/SB1554P.pdf>

Please consider contacting the State Senators serving on the Senate Commerce committee regarding SB 1554 and ask them to vote YES:

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| Sen. Sally Ann Gonzales | sgonzales@azleg.gov |
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2) HB 2875: Regulation; Short-Term Rentals, sponsored by Representative Kavanagh, as introduced, this bill authorizes a city, town or county to impose a civil penalty of \$50 per day that the vacation or short-term rental

is in violation of the posting of contact information. In addition, it allows a city, town or county to restrict the maximum number of adult occupants on the vacation or short-term rental property at any one time as specified. Furthermore, the bill provides that a city, town or county may require the installation of safety and noise monitoring equipment on the vacation or short-term rental property. The bill includes additional provisions for cities to regulate a vacation or short-term rental. The full text of HB 2875 can be found at <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/2R/bills/HB2875P.pdf>

Please consider contacting the State Representatives serving on the House Government committee regarding **HB 2875 and ask them to vote YES:**

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3) HB 2817: Airport Fees Prohibited; Ride Sharing, sponsored by Representative Grantham, this bill prohibits public airport operators and public bodies operating a public airport from imposing a tax, fee or assessment of any kind on transportation network companies for operating at the public airport. The bill would be retroactive to January 1, 2018. I am expressing opposition to this bill as it would prohibit the City from imposing any fees on transportation network companies operating at the airport.

HB 2817 passed out of committee on Monday. It still needs to go to the House Floor for consideration by legislators. Please, contact your representatives and **ask them to vote NO on HB 2817** if it is brought forward for a vote. The full member roster can be found at <https://www.azleg.gov/memberroster/>

For more information on HB 2817, this is an opinion article I submitted to the Arizona Republic <https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2020/02/18/legislation-protect-uber-lyft-could-destroy-sky-harbor-airport/4771610002/>

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