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**From:** Kathryn Levassiur <Kathryn.Levassiur.406647409@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 27, 2021 10:29 AM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Issues With Proposed STR Permit Fees

Dear City Council,

I encourage you to reconsider making the permit fees for short-term rentals in Sunset Beach and Huntington Beach the same.

Short-term rental properties in Sunset Beach are under less restrictions and require less enforcement. Despite that, I feel hosted STRs are better supervised with the owner onsite. A room rental generates less revenue per night and causes a bigger economic impact and will take many nights to recoup the same permit fee rather than a whole home rental that could recoup that fee in one night.

The proposed permitting fee is \$589 for the first year, with a \$306 annual renewal fee for both hosted and unhosted is out of touch. In comparison, application fees are much lower in major cities like San Francisco (\$450 for two years), Los Angeles (\$89), and Denver (\$50). High fees can be burdensome and inhibit the ability to host for some, particularly now when many are struggling from the impacts of the ongoing pandemic.

Regards,  
Kathryn Levassiur  
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**From:** James Shen <James.Shen.211649890@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 27, 2021 11:07 AM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Issues With Proposed STR Permit Fees

Dear City Council,

I encourage you to reconsider making the permit fees for short-term rentals in Sunset Beach and Huntington Beach the same.

Short-term rental properties in Sunset Beach are under less restrictions and require less enforcement. Therefore, I believe the permit fees should be significantly lower for short term rental homes or apartments in Huntington Beach.

I also encourage you to adopt the same short term rental regulations in Sunset Beach and Huntington Beach. Thank you very much!!

Regards,  
James Shen  
8681 Luss Dr  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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**From:** John Smith <John.Smith.425678972@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 27, 2021 4:45 PM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Issues With Proposed STR Permit Fees

Dear City Council,

What is the city council of Huntington Beach defining as a "short term rental"????

Is it any rental LESS than 30 days?

Is it any rental LESS THAN AND INCLUDING 30 days?

Is a rental of 31 days or more considered a short term rental and required to pay this fee?

Just confused. Need clarification. Thank you.

Regards,  
John Smith  
Indianapolis Ave  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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**From:** George Alexander <George.Alexander.211690399@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:51 AM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Issues With Proposed STR Permit Fees

Dear City Council,

I encourage you to reconsider making the permit fees for short-term rentals in Sunset Beach and Huntington Beach the same. No fees should be charged.

Short-term rental properties in Sunset Beach are under less restrictions and require less enforcement. Therefore, I believe the permit fees should be lower for Sunset Beach.

Regards,  
George Alexander  
1200 Pacific Coast Hwy  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:41 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Short term rental Council public testimony  
**Attachments:** short term rental council letter.docx

**From:** will ribaudo <will.ribaudo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:07 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Short term rental Council public testimony

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Hello council members. Thank you for taking your time today to address this important issue. I have always supported Huntington Beach requiring permitting for short term rentals. The proposal of \$589 for the first year and \$306 annual is more than double the cost of any other known City I researched in the United States. While I still support the permitting despite the high cost. Could the council please address how it will enforce the permitting? Also please explain why these high costs are being paid. What reassurances do the short term renters receive by following the rules?

Thank you again for your service.

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
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**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: STR

**From:** geneop4363@aol.com <geneop4363@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** STR

You greedy sona-bitches need to act like the representatives of all the people you serve. Make STR's available for owners of any rental property, as well as, make the fees you charge reasonable.

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**From:** Jason Roberts <Jason.Roberts.425840557@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 10:40 AM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Issues With Proposed STR Permit Fees

Dear City Council,

I encourage you to reconsider making the permit fees for short-term rentals in Sunset Beach and Huntington Beach the same. We only rent it short term for a limited amount of time during summer so high fees would make it very hard to pay every year. The money earned is very important as we can keep our property inside and out in great condition. Otherwise it would be difficult to afford the upgrades from the wear and tear of being on the beach from the wind and salt.

Short-term rental properties in Sunset Beach are under less restrictions and require less enforcement. Therefore, I believe the permit fees should be lower for Sunset Beach.

Regards,  
Jason Roberts  
9114 Adams Ave  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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**From:** Pat Byers <bluegrasshb@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 15 21-168

I'm a 30 year resident of downtown Huntington Beach. As an 80 year old widow I depend on the income from my hosted short term rental. Because of Covid-19 this income has been nonexistent for nearly a year. I appreciate that the city is finally going to legalize STRs. However, I think the proposed permit fees are exorbitant and very out-of-line with those of other cities. You must be aware that fees in Los Angeles are \$450 for two years, Los Angeles is \$89, and Long Beach is \$250. To impose home hosted STRs fees at the same rate as whole house STRs in Sunset Beach is totally unfair. Because we rent out a room in our houses at rates far less than whole house rentals, perhaps \$80 a night as opposed to \$300 or more a night, consider how much longer we would need to recover these costs. Most of us renting out a bedroom in our houses would not be doing so if it weren't financially necessary. Please consider also that the city has probably never received complaints about home hosted STRs therefore costing the city nothing. I urge the Council to consider a much lower separate fee for home hosted STRs.

Respectfully,  
Patricia Byers

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Pat Byers <bluegrasshb@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 11:58 AM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 15

I'm writing to comment on Agenda Item #15 Short Term Rental permit fees.

I'm a 30 year resident of downtown Huntington Beach. As an 80 year old widow I depend on the income from my home hosted STR. Because of COVID-19 this has been nonexistent for nearly a year. While I appreciate that the city is taking steps to make STRs legal, I think the proposed permit fees are exorbitant. I'm sure the Council is aware that the fees in San Francisco are \$450 for two years, Los Angeles is \$89, Long Beach is \$250, and Denver is \$50. I also think that having the same fee for home hosted STRs as that of whole house STRs is grossly unfair. Most of us who rent out a bedroom in our houses depend on that income. There's a big difference in rental of about \$80 a night for a room in a home hosted STR as opposed to \$300 or more for a whole house rental. It would take home hosts a great deal longer to recoup the permit fees. The city probably never gets complaints about home hosted as opposed to whole house STRs and therefore we cost the city nothing! I urge the Council to do the ethical thing and adopt a considerably lower permit fee for home hosted short term rentals.

Respectfully,  
Patricia Byers

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Jonette Hodson <Jonette.Hodson.425866612@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 1, 2021 12:44 PM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Issues With Proposed STR Permit Fees

Dear City Council,

I encourage you to reconsider making the permit fees for short-term rentals in Sunset Beach and Huntington Beach the same. If you were to charge such a high amount I would want accountability of where the money is going. Such as improvements to the beach area and bathrooms that are hideous. No excuse for not having lavatories in the bathroom especially by the playground on 9th street or not fixing the rusted out hand railings that are a public safety to children and anyone riding a bike in the pathways. South Bay has very nice bathrooms and there handrails are maintained why can't HB do a better job of this?? I would want quarterly reports on where this money is being spent. Sidewalks are also a public safety issue with all of the cracks and dips. Put this money to good use and not some pet project of someone on the council.

Regards,  
Jonette Hodson  
614 9th St  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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