

Explore short-term

I've been following with interest the story regarding short-term rentals. I have no financial interest, but have experiential history, and support the ability of property owners to rent short term. For 23 years I rented residential property (condominiums) in New Smyrna Beach. I, or management on my behalf, collected and remitted all required sales and occupancy taxes. I never once experienced a problem with a short-term renter. Some of them I met in person,

others I spoke with on the phone, or via email. They were respectful of the properties.

On the flip side of the coin, I've had serious problems with long-term tenants. Thumbs up to countless vacationers who stayed as few as five days, but were well regarded by neighbors and me, their landlord.

While I no longer own rental properties, I have, as a tenant, used Airbnb in numerous cities, from Mount Dora to Seattle, Washington. The host landlords are great! Additionally, each host must write a

review of the tenant upon departure. That's a great incentive for the lessee to be on best behavior.

Would the naysayers be willing to conduct a survey, or are a few bad-apple tenants spoiling the whole bunch?

In my opinion, short-term vacation renters are a great bunch of folks! Such has not been my experience with those staying for longer periods of time.

Let's support free enterprise in our Volusia County.

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