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I'm writing to ask that you maintain the moratorium on vacation rental permits. The islands are awash in permits already and we don't have the infrastructure or the resources to handle more, especially but not only during a pandemic.

I live near two vacation rental and it is obvious in our tiny neighborhood when there are renters. They often don't abide by the one-way signs. They are sometimes not quiet. Even the best intentioned renters are disruptive without meaning to be. Others are disruptive and don't care. Add a strange dogs or a not well controlled dog, to the neighborhood for a few days and pandemonium can break out. More vacation rentals would change the character of our neighborhood to its great detriment.

A moratorium gives us all a breather during the last year of a pandemic and to assess what future we want and can provide. Allowing more of vacation rentals continues to tip the scales toward Orcas as a vacation destination, not a place where people live full time.

Continuing the moratorium isn't punishment. It's informed stewardship and a public service. I thank you for imposing the moratorium and very much hope you will continue it.

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