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I'll admit I have little faith in local governments real desire or ability to control the destruction of our neighborhoods that vacation rentals have caused and will continue to cause. I do have one very easy suggestion you could implement. In the distant past, say the 50's and 60's many developments had restrictions on property owners. One of those stated, no commercial use. This restriction was part of the agreement every property owner accepted when they bought property in a development with said restriction. This was before the whole concept of short term rental even had been acted on. Our county could admit that the only reason so many people own multiple residential properties is so they can put them into transient rental, clearly to make money. Not a commercial use???

So, do the right thing, admit the transient rental business is, in fact, a business, and ban it in any residential development which has a no commercial use provision attached to every property in the subdivision. You could give current transient rental owners in said subdivisions a reasonable time period, say one year, to sell the property or what ever, and then the permit would be cancelled.

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