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"The mayor sees the crackdown on vacation rentals as a tourism control measure."

When Hawaii tourism came to a halt in 2020, Honolulu residents were able to feel what the island was like before the advent of short-term vacation rentals – and the millions of tourists they draw.

Mayor Rick Blangiardi wants to hold onto that feeling and is proposing what he calls an aggressive crackdown on the industry.

Part of the plan is to [further restrict](#) the number of short-term rentals on Oahu.

Vacation rentals have been allowed to operate anywhere on Oahu if they're booked for 30 days or more – regardless of whether the guest really stayed there the whole time. The new rules would require guests to book for at least 180 days, a less desirable time-frame for tourists and hosts.

The new proposal would also prohibit all new short-term rentals in residential areas, regardless of whether the owner lives on site or not.

Fines, which currently go up to \$10,000 per day, would be increased to \$25,000 per violation per day under Blangiardi's plan.

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