

Charles County Commissioners 2024 Preliminary Legislative Package



County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland

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Cobb Island Citizens Association

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August 18, 2023

Board of Charles County Commissioners and Office of the County Attorney
c/o Office of the County Attorney
2023 Legislative Request
200 Baltimore Street
La Plata, Md 20646

Dear Board of Charles County Commissioners and Office of the County Attorney,

I am writing on behalf of the Cobb Island Citizens Association to request your assistance in legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island.

In July 2021, Cobb Island Citizens voted unanimously to legalize golf carts. This is the second time we are presenting this and have made one adjustment to the previous bill request submitted. We have removed the "low speed vehicle" from the wording as they are already legal to drive.

1. Legalization requires a valid driver license, and this requirement will exclude 11- to 16-year-olds from operating golf carts. Unlicensed drivers operating golf carts causes safety risks to both the golf cart occupants, pedestrians, vehicles, and other golf carts.
2. Licensed drivers must drive to the far right of the road. This requirement is common sense golf cart etiquette.
3. Golf carts may not be operated between dusk and dawn.

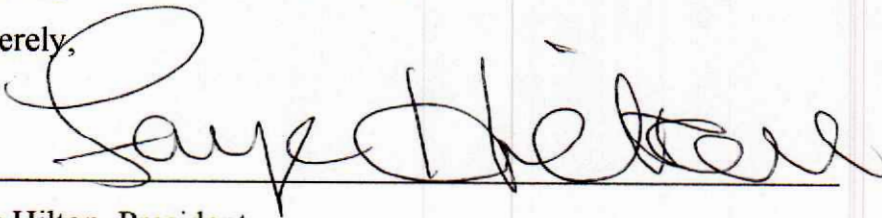
Golf carts are practical and fun. There are over fifty in use on the island. The citizens of Cobb Island, along with the Cobb Island Citizens Association request legislation for safety issues and the ability to report abusers. We feel the island will be a safer place to live and operate golf carts if this legislation is passed.

The bill previously passed the Commissioners and the House but did not pass the Senate. I was not given a reason for the bill not passing although one of the items discussed was that the previous request also mentioned "low speed vehicles" which are already legal to drive on Cobb Island. Golf Cart and Low Speed Vehicles are two very different items.

The Cobb Island Citizens Association and residents of Cobb Island support the legalization of golf carts. The island is small community of residents who enjoy driving their golf carts to and from island events, the market, restaurants, church, and the post office. They are enjoyable and an offer an environmental and economic savings compared to vehicles. As the President of Cobb Island Citizens Association, and a long-term island resident, I ask for your undivided support of legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island because this legalization provides safety mechanisms and makes our island a safer place to live.

On behalf of the Cobb Island Citizens Association board, and the island residents, I ask that you please present this bill for a vote and vote in favor of passing the bill to legalize golf carts on Cobb Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Faye Hilton", written over a horizontal line.

Faye Hilton, President

Cobb Island Citizens Association

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SENATE BILL 374

R4, R5

3lr1978
CF 3lr1975

By: **Charles County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Registration – Exceptions for Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles**
3 **– Cobb Island**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing exceptions to motor vehicle registration requirements for
5 golf carts and low speed vehicles on Cobb Island in Charles County, subject to certain
6 requirements; and generally relating to exceptions to motor vehicle registration
7 requirements for golf carts and low speed vehicles on Cobb Island.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 11–130.1 and 13–402(a)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 13–402(c)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 21–104.7 and 21–104.8
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – Transportation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

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1 11-130.1.

2 "Low speed vehicle" means a four-wheeled motor vehicle that has a maximum speed
3 capability that exceeds 20 miles per hour but is less than 25 miles per hour.

4 13-402.

5 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the
6 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on
7 a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

8 (c) Registration under this subtitle is not required for:

9 (1) A vehicle that is driven on a highway:

10 (i) In conformity with the provisions of this title relating to
11 manufacturers, transporters, dealers, secured parties, owners or operators of special mobile
12 equipment, or nonresidents; or

13 (ii) Under a temporary registration card issued by the
14 Administration;

15 (2) A vehicle owned and used by the United States, unless an authorized
16 officer or employee of the United States requests registration of the vehicle;

17 (3) A farm tractor or any farm equipment;

18 (4) A vehicle the front or rear wheels of which are lifted from the highway;

19 (5) A towed vehicle that is attached to the towing vehicle by a tow bar and
20 for which no driver is necessary;

21 (6) A vehicle owned by and in the possession of a licensed dealer for purpose
22 of sale;

23 (7) A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State during the first 60 days
24 of residency provided the vehicle displays valid registration issued by the jurisdiction of the
25 resident's former domicile;

26 (8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in § 13-626
27 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit issued by the
28 Administration;

29 (9) A vehicle operated in connection with maritime commerce exclusively
30 within any terminal owned or leased by the Maryland Port Administration;

1 (10) A snowmobile that is operated on highways and roadways as prescribed
2 by § 25-102(a)(14) of this article;

3 (11) A golf cart that is operated on a highway on Smith Island, provided that
4 the golf cart is equipped with lighting devices as required by the Administration if it is
5 operated on a highway between dusk and dawn;

6 (12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with § 21-104.2,
7 § 21-104.3, § 21-104.4, [or] § 21-104.6, **OR § 21-104.7** of this article;

8 (13) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed
9 by the county under § 25-102(a)(16) of this article;

10 (14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer of a
11 foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle displays
12 a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government; [or]

13 (15) A personal delivery device that is operated on a roadway, sidewalk,
14 shoulder, or crosswalk in accordance with § 21-104.5 of this article; **OR**

15 **(16) A LOW SPEED VEHICLE THAT IS OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY IN**
16 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-104.8 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

17 **21-104.7.**

18 **A PERSON WHO OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY ON COBB ISLAND,**
19 **CHARLES COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER §**
20 **13-402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:**

21 **(1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:**

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24 **(II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND**

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26 **AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;**

27 **(2) SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE**
28 **ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND**

29 **(3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

30 **21-104.8.**

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12 **(3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

13 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
14 **1, 2023.**

SENATE BILL 76

R4, R5

2lr1067

(PRE-FILED)

By: Senator Ellis

Requested: October 29, 2021

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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Read second time: February 3, 2022

CHAPTER _____

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Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strikes out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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(2) A vehicle owned and used by the United States, unless an authorized officer or employee of the United States requests registration of the vehicle;

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(8) New vehicles being operated as part of a shuttle, as defined in § 13-626 of this title, while following a registered vehicle displaying a shuttle permit issued by the Administration;

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(12) A golf cart that is operated on a highway in accordance with §§ 21-104.2 through 21-104.4] **§ 21-104.2, § 21-104.3, § 21-104.4, OR § 21-104.5** of this article;

(13) A golf cart that is operated on an Allegany County highway as allowed by the county under § 25-102(a)(16) of this article; [or]

(14) A vehicle owned by an accredited consular or diplomatic officer of a foreign government and operated for official or personal purposes when the vehicle displays a valid diplomatic license plate issued by the United States government; OR

(15) A LOW SPEED VEHICLE THAT IS OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-104.6 OF THIS ARTICLE.

21-104.5.

A PERSON WHO OPERATES A GOLF CART ON A HIGHWAY ON COBB ISLAND, CHARLES COUNTY, WITHOUT REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 13-402(C)(12) OF THIS ARTICLE:

(1) MAY OPERATE THE GOLF CART ONLY:

(I) ON A HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT DOES NOT EXCEED 30 MILES PER HOUR;

(II) BETWEEN DAWN AND DUSK; AND

(III) IF THE GOLF CART IS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTING DEVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

1 (2) SHALL KEEP THE GOLF CART AS FAR TO THE RIGHT OF THE
2 ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

3 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

4 21-104.6.

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15 THE ROADWAY AS FEASIBLE; AND

16 (3) SHALL POSSESS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.



ADULT GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW BOARD

August 7, 2023

Charles County Board of Commissioners
200 Baltimore Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646

Dear Charles County Commissioners:

The Adult Public Guardianship Review Board (Board) would like to propose a legislative change to the Maryland Family Law Code Article, Title 14 Section 14-402(a)(2)(ii), concerning the Board's membership composition requirement for a psychiatrist.

Currently, the statute requires that the Board composition include 11 members and for all counties other than St. Mary's and Washington Counties, one member must be a licensed psychiatrist. Maryland Family Law Code Article, Title 14 Section 14-402(a)(2)(ii).

(2) Of the 11 members:

(i) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local department;

(ii) 1. in counties other than St. Mary's County or Washington County:

A. 1 shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist; and

2. in St. Mary's County and Washington County:

A. 1 shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist or psychologist;

Therefore, Charles County is required to have a psychiatrist as a member on its Board. Due to the scarcity of licensed psychiatrists in southern Maryland, it has been very difficult to find a psychiatrist in Charles County willing to serve on the Board. St. Mary's County has also been challenged by the lack of psychiatrists in the area and petitioned the Maryland General Assembly for an exception to the statute that permits either a psychiatrist or a psychologist to serve on their Board. Additionally, the Board understands that the Charles County Health Department is also impacted by the limited number of psychiatrists in the area.

Thus, the Board is requesting that the statute membership requirement be changed to indicate that in Charles County, the member can be a licensed psychiatrist, or a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner in the field of psychiatry.

Proposed change:

3. in Charles County:

A. 1 shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist;
and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist or **a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner in the field of psychiatry.**

The Board is submitting this proposed legislative change for Commissioner approval and inclusion in the Charles County's legislative proposal packet that will be introduced during the 2024 Session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Please contact Linda Stansbury if you have any questions or comments via email at lms100850@aol.com or by telephone at 301-943-6713.

Sincerely,

Linda Stansbury
Chair
Adult Guardianship Review Board



Charles County Sheriff's Office
Legislative Proposal
Legislative Session 2024

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: UNLICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS

Issue: Currently Maryland law prohibits an unlicensed establishment from allowing the consumption of alcohol on their premises. This regulation only applies to unlicensed establishments that offers or provides live entertainment. There is no law to prohibit a commercial type business from encouraging and allowing its customers to bring and consume alcohol within the establishment. This practice allows these establishments or venues to avoid obtaining alcohol related licenses and permits. The Sheriff's Office is frequently called to these locations for complaints of illegal drug activity, disorderly conduct, other alcohol related offenses and other crimes.

Proposal: Amend Alcohol Beverages § 18-2501(a) to prohibit an unlicensed establishment in Charles County from allowing consumption on its premises by deleting "that offers or provides live entertainment." See suggested bill draft.

BILL DRAFT - Alcoholic Beverages §18-2501

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Selling, serving, keeping, or allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages

FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Charles County the selling, serving, keeping, or allowing of alcoholic beverages by unlicensed establishments.

BY amending

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 18-2501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2216 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION I. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
that the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article- Alcoholic Beverages

18-2501

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an unlicensed establishment ~~that offers or provides live entertainment~~ may not, at a location under the control or possession of the establishment, sell, serve, keep, or allow to be consumed:

- (1) alcoholic beverages;
- (2) setups; or
- (3) other component parts of mixed alcoholic drinks.

(b) As long as ~~live entertainment is not offered or provided~~ ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT OFFERED, SOLD, SERVED, KEPT, OR ALLOWED TO BE CONSUMED more than 8 days in a calendar month, the following are exempted from the prohibitions in subsection (a) of this section:

- (1) the room of a registered guest in a hotel or motel;
- (2) property owned by a volunteer fire company;
- (3) property owned and operated by a community or homeowners association composed only of property owners in a single subdivision; or

(4) property owned by a religious institution.

(c) A person that violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.



Charles County Sheriff's Office
Legislative Proposal
Legislative Session 2024

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Issue: Maryland law prohibits operating unregistered motor vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles, from being on operated on a highway and on private or public property without permission. Despite that law, the Sheriff's Office continues to receive complaints of individuals operating off-road vehicles on our public roads in reckless and dangerous manners, or operating off-road vehicles. Individuals are also trespassing on private and public property and causing damages. These individuals often elude or attempt to elude police. If they are stopped and identified, their vehicle may be towed from the scene but they are able to recover it fairly easily and continue their behavior.

For calendar year 2023 (through August 14), the Sheriff's Office has recorded **444** events relating to the operation of off-road vehicles.

Proposal: Enable the County Commissioners to create regulations allowing for the impoundment of off-road vehicles used in violation of Maryland law. §25-201.1(b) allows a county to "regulate the operation of off-the-road motorcycles, require them to be registered, and impose a registration fee for them." Amend §25-102.1 by adding a new subsection as described in the attached draft.

BILL DRAFT - Transportation §25-102.1

AN ACT concerning

Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles -Charles County - Regulation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Commissioners of Charles County to regulate the use off-road vehicles in Charles County and prescribe penalties for violations.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation
Section 25-102.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION I. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
that the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article- Transportation

25-102.1

(c)

(1) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IN CHARLES COUNTY.

(2) "OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING
PROVIDED IN §11-140.1 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY REGULATE THE OPERATION OF
OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. THE REGULATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

(i) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS;

(ii) AGE RESTRICTIONS; AND

(iii) IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES USED IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 21,
SUBTITLE 900, OF THIS ARTICLE, §6-404 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, OR §6-
405 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(3) ANY IMPOUNDMENT AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF VEHICLES, RESTRICTIONS ON
CONTINUED IMPOUNDMENT, DEFENSES TO CONTINUED IMPOUNDMENT, AND

MAY INCLUDE THE IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL FINE AND, FOR REPEAT VIOLATIONS, FORFEITURE OF THE VEHICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

ACCOMMODATION TAX

Comment

RPT is proposing that Charles County impose an accommodation tax on all short-term rentals (e.g., AirBnB, VRBO) taking place in the County like hotels and motels are currently required to do. This will allow the county to collect tax from property owner's that are renting their homes and generating income. The tax collected has two primary purposes: 1) reinvest in the County's tourism efforts to market the county's amenities and attract new visitors to the County and 2) address the challenges that come with short term rentals to include improve compliance and reduce noise/party issues. Please see attached for a 2021 assessment that provides more than adequate background data, proposed compliance system and cost. Additionally attached is the St. Mary's resolution (please be advised that the language in section III was removed prior to the resolution adoption in 2021). RPT is proposing that Charles County create a Parkland Dedication Ordinance to require property developers pay a fee to be used instead of dedicating land (i.e., "fee-in-lieu"), or a combination of dedication or construction of recreational facilities. For example, if a \$2,000 exaction is imposed (fee in lieu and/or impact fee), there are multiple options for absorbing the cost without impacting current residents: 1) homeowners pay more (a \$200,000 home is priced at \$202,000, 2) homeowners get less space (instead of 2,000 sq ft, they get 1,980 sq ft (at \$100 per sq ft), or 3) cost is passed back to the land seller who receives a lower price for the land (long term; market forces). New development generates a need for additional park amenities. This will ensure the park system grows along with the community and the people responsible for creating that need bear the cost of providing the new amenities.

<https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/princegeorgescounty-md/doc-viewer.aspx?secid=1048#secid-1048>

Subject: Administrative Procedure - To Establish Regulations to Provide for the Orderly, Systematic, and Thorough Administration of the Accommodation Tax.

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RESOLUTION

TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY, SYSTEMATIC AND THOROUGH ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACCOMMODATION TAX

WHEREAS, Maryland Annotated Code, Local Government § 20-400 *et seq.* authorizes the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to impose an accommodation tax; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 1986-14, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County imposed an accommodation tax pursuant to Chapter 267-20 *et seq.* of the Code of St. Mary's County; and

WHEREAS, Local Government § 20-412 and Code of St. Mary's County § 267-22.2.A authorizes the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to establish regulations to provide for the orderly, systematic, and thorough administration of the accommodation tax; and

WHEREAS, Local Government § 20-406 and Code of St. Mary's County § 267-22.1.B require hotels to collect the accommodation tax; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County find that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary's County to establish regulations to provide for the orderly, systematic, and thorough administration of the accommodation tax,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Commissioners of St. Mary's County that:

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS.

1. A "booking service" means a reservation and/or payment service provided by a person or entity that facilitates a hotel rental transaction between a host and a prospective guest for which the person or entity collects fees or taxes in connection with the reservation or facilitates payment services between the host and guest.
2. A "host" means a legal owner of a residential dwelling unit who provides or offers to provide all or part of a residential dwelling unit as a hotel.
3. A "hosting platform" means a person or entity that facilitates a hotel rental by providing booking services through which a host may lawfully provide a residential dwelling unit as a hotel.

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4. A "hotel" means an establishment, including an apartment, cottage, hostelry, inn, motel, rooming house, or tourist home, that offers sleeping accommodation for compensation to any transient.

SECTION II. COLLECTION & REMITTANCE.

5. All hosting platforms shall collect St. Mary's County accommodation taxes at the rate defined by § 267-21 of the St. Mary's County Code, as amended.
6. All hosting platforms shall remit all St. Mary's County accommodation taxes, including but not limited to those collected by the host, to St. Mary's County Finance Department on or before the 21st day of each and every month for the preceding month.

SECTION III. REPORTING.

7. By January 1, 2022 and every year thereafter, all hosting platforms shall provide to the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development a complete list of all owners of hotel properties listed on their hosting platform located in St. Mary's County and the mailing address for each owner.

SECTION III. This Resolution shall be effective upon the date of its adoption.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, that this Resolution shall be effective upon the date written below.

Those voting Aye: 5

Those voting Nay: 0

Those Abstaining: 0

Date of Adoption: October 5, 2021

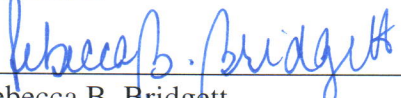
Effective Date: October 19, 2021

Subject: Administrative Procedure - To
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Thorough Administration of the
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ATTEST:



Rebecca B. Bridgett
County Administrator

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency:



David A. Weiskopf
County Attorney


COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY



James R. Guy, Commissioner President



Eric Colvin, Commissioner



Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner



Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner



John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

DOCUMENT VALIDATION

LR - Government
Instrument 0.00
Agency Name:
commissioners of st.
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Instrument List: Other
Describe Other:
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Circuit Court for St. Mary's County
PO Box 676
41605 Courthouse Drive
Leonardtown, MD 20650
(301) 475-7844



Host Compliance

Charles County

Bruce McCaskill
March 2021

Cost-effective solutions to Charles County's short-term rental
registration, compliance monitoring, fraud, audit and enforcement
challenges



March 2021

Agenda Today

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Charles County and the Market Context

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The Granicus Host Compliance Solution

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Discussion and Next Steps



Granicus Overview



4,500+

Government Agencies

have chosen Granicus to modernize their online services, web presence, and communications strategies.



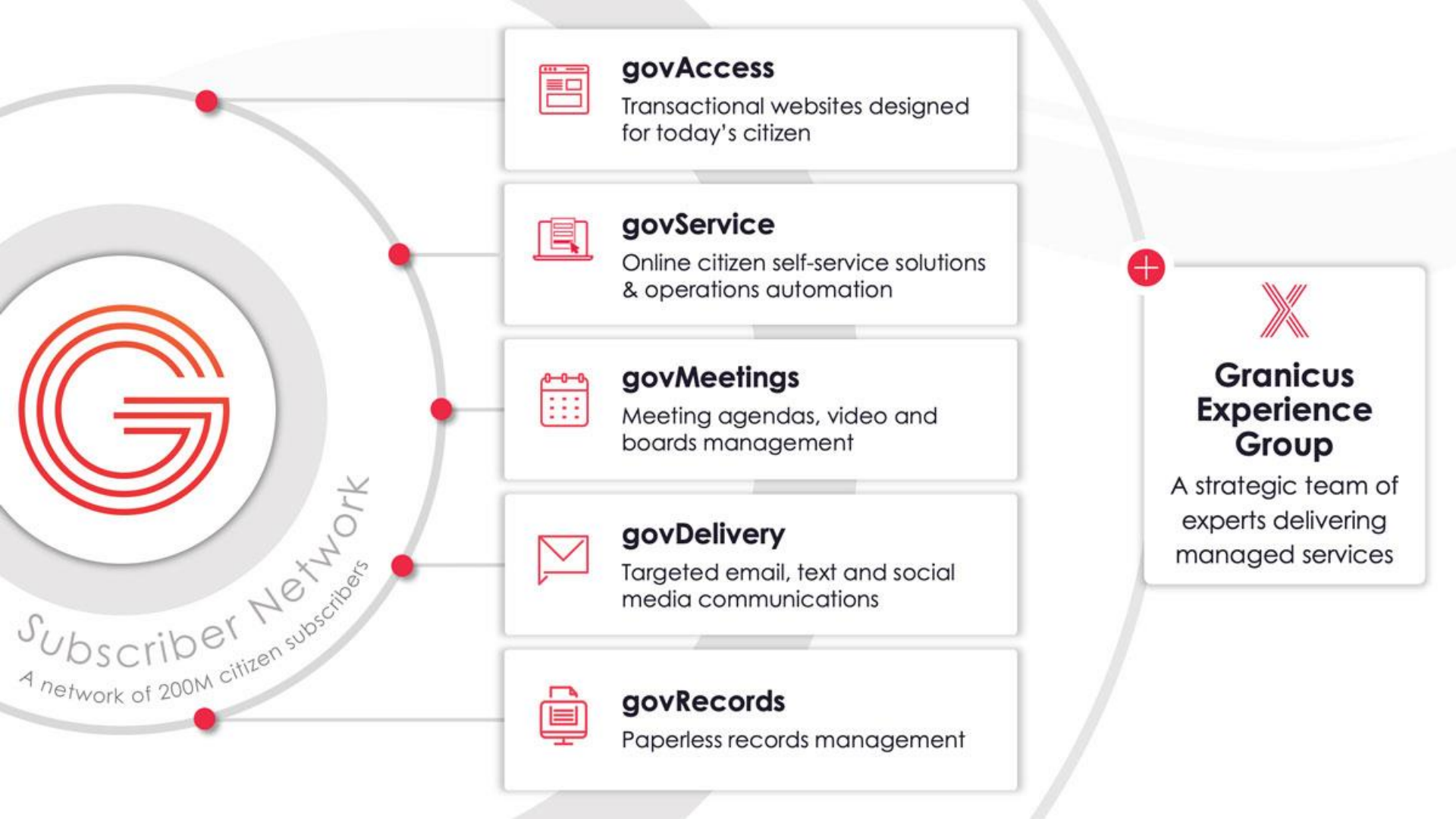
Seamless Digital Solutions

that help government: improve the customer experience, simplify/automate workflows, and enable strategic community development



Short-Term Rental Software & Services

Compliance and Monitoring Software
Proprietary and Updated Data
Consulting and Advising Services



govAccess

Transactional websites designed for today's citizen



govService

Online citizen self-service solutions & operations automation



govMeetings

Meeting agendas, video and boards management



govDelivery

Targeted email, text and social media communications



govRecords

Paperless records management



Granicus Experience Group

A strategic team of experts delivering managed services

In Maryland we are currently partnering with 5 local agencies to address their STR related challenges

- Prince George's County MD
- Montgomery County, MD
- Dorchester County MD
- Talbot County MD
- Annapolis, MD

In the broader Mid Atlantic we are already serving 28 forward-thinking local government agencies

- Penn Forest, PA
- Vernon Township, NJ
- Shelter Island, NY
- Jewett, NY
- North Elba, NY
- Fallsburg, NY
- Paradise, PA
- Jersey City NJ
- Franklin County NY
- Fulton County NY
- Bradley Beach NJ
- Asbury Park NJ
- Dutchess County NY
- Prince George's County MD
- Montgomery County, MD
- Ventnor City NJ
- Dorchester County MD
- Ulster County NY
- Seneca County NY
- Clinton, NY
- Talbot County MD
- Bucks County PA
- Lake George, NY
- Lewes, DE
- Annapolis, MD
- East Stroudsburg, PA
- Atlantic City, NJ
- Mount Joy, PA

On average our 360 clients rate Granicus Host Compliance 9.5 out of 10* and highly recommend us to other local governments



City Of
ASBURY PARK
New Jersey

"Our use of the Host Compliance product has effectively assisted our City's enforcement department in streamlining the process of identifying property owners who were not compliant with our City's regulations regarding short term rentals."

ROOST

"It's very important we are proactive in this area. It really is not fair when some people are paying the tax and others do not. [Before Host Compliance] a critical tool was inadvertently left out of the tool-box!"



Our clients in Suburban Communities similar to Charles County love how our solutions fit their specific needs



"The software has proven to be a much more valuable tool for our City in identifying short term rentals. The analysts do a great job in scouring various websites to pinpoint the owners of properties that are hosting these prohibited rentals!"



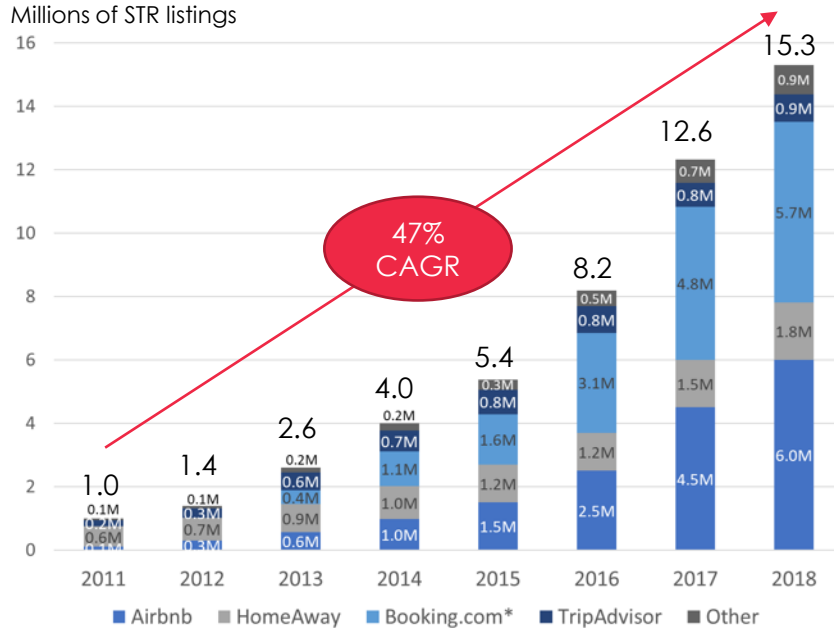
"This product has allowed us information we have not been able to gather previously to ensure compliance. I highly recommend this company to assist you. We have been very satisfied with their services!"

What are Charles County's most important goals as it relates to short-term rentals?

1. Reduce noise, parking, traffic and trash-problems
2. Eliminate party houses
3. Reduce STR's impact on neighborhood character
4. Ensure building safety
5. Improve County's responsiveness to neighbor complaints
6. Stem STR's negative impact on affordable housing availability
7. Improve permit and tax compliance to increase tax revenue
8. Ensure a level playing field between law abiding traditional lodging providers and illegal short-term rentals
9. Reduce tension between short-term rental property owners and their neighbors
10. Send a clear message to citizens that the County takes the STR problems seriously
11. Other?

The global short-term rental market has grown 1,530% since 2011 and continues to grow at a breakneck pace

The # of short-term rental listings has grown 15x since 2011



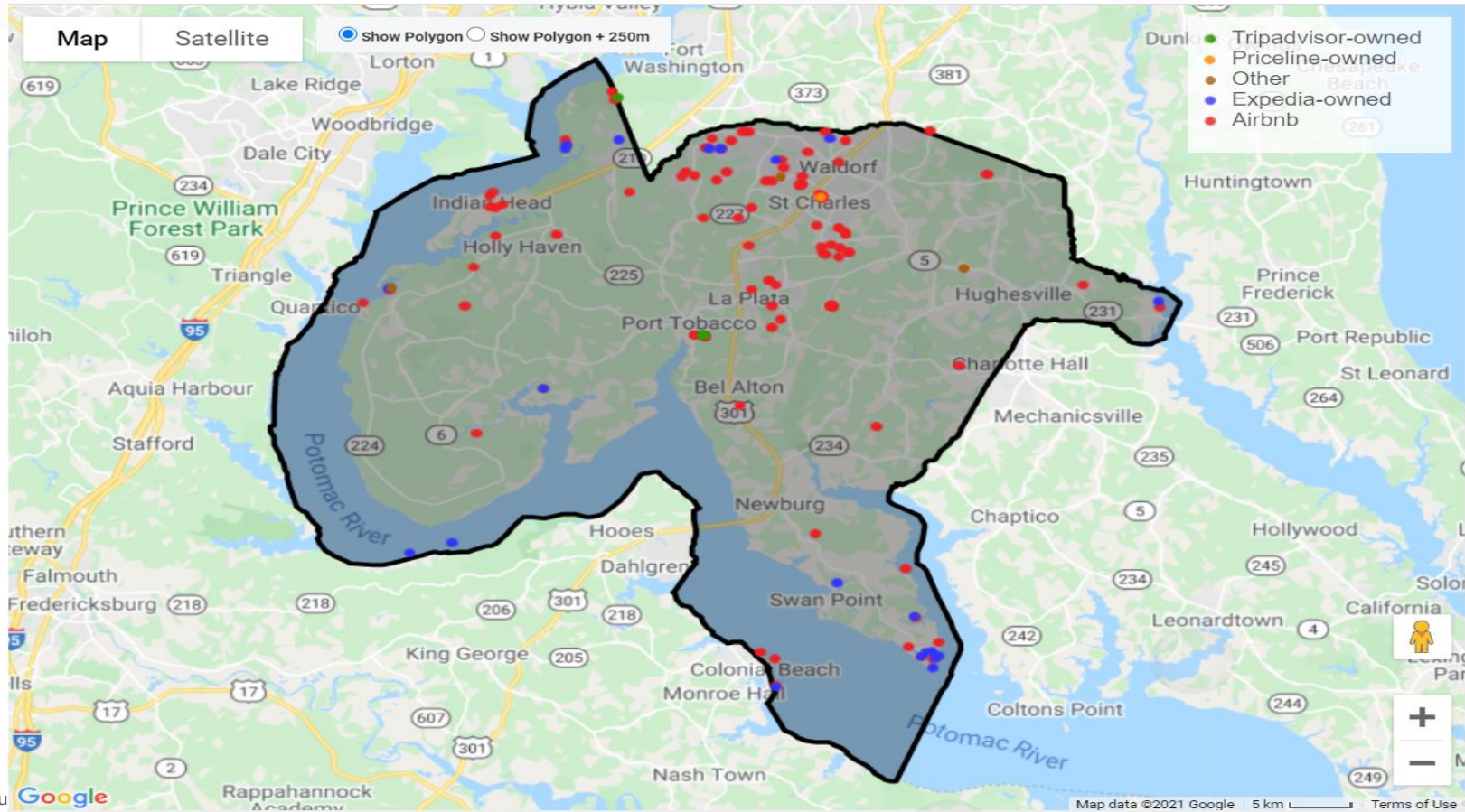
Sources: AirBnB, Expedia, TripAdvisor, Booking.com and Tripping.com

Market is fragmenting



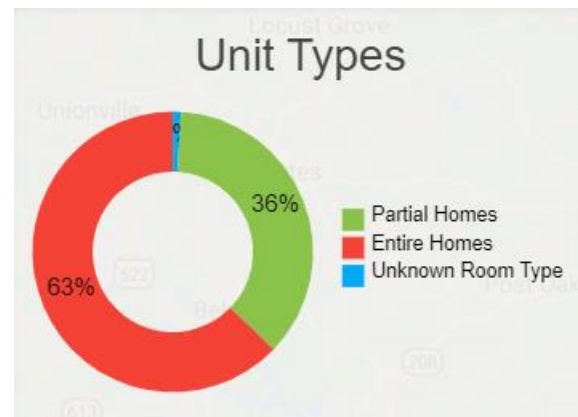
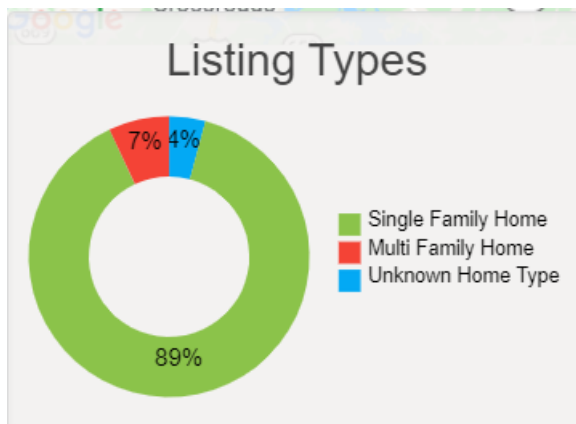
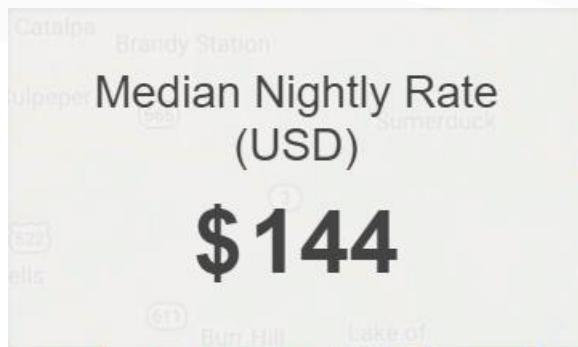
125+ other web platforms

...and in Charles County we have identified 215 listings, representing 123 unique rental units*

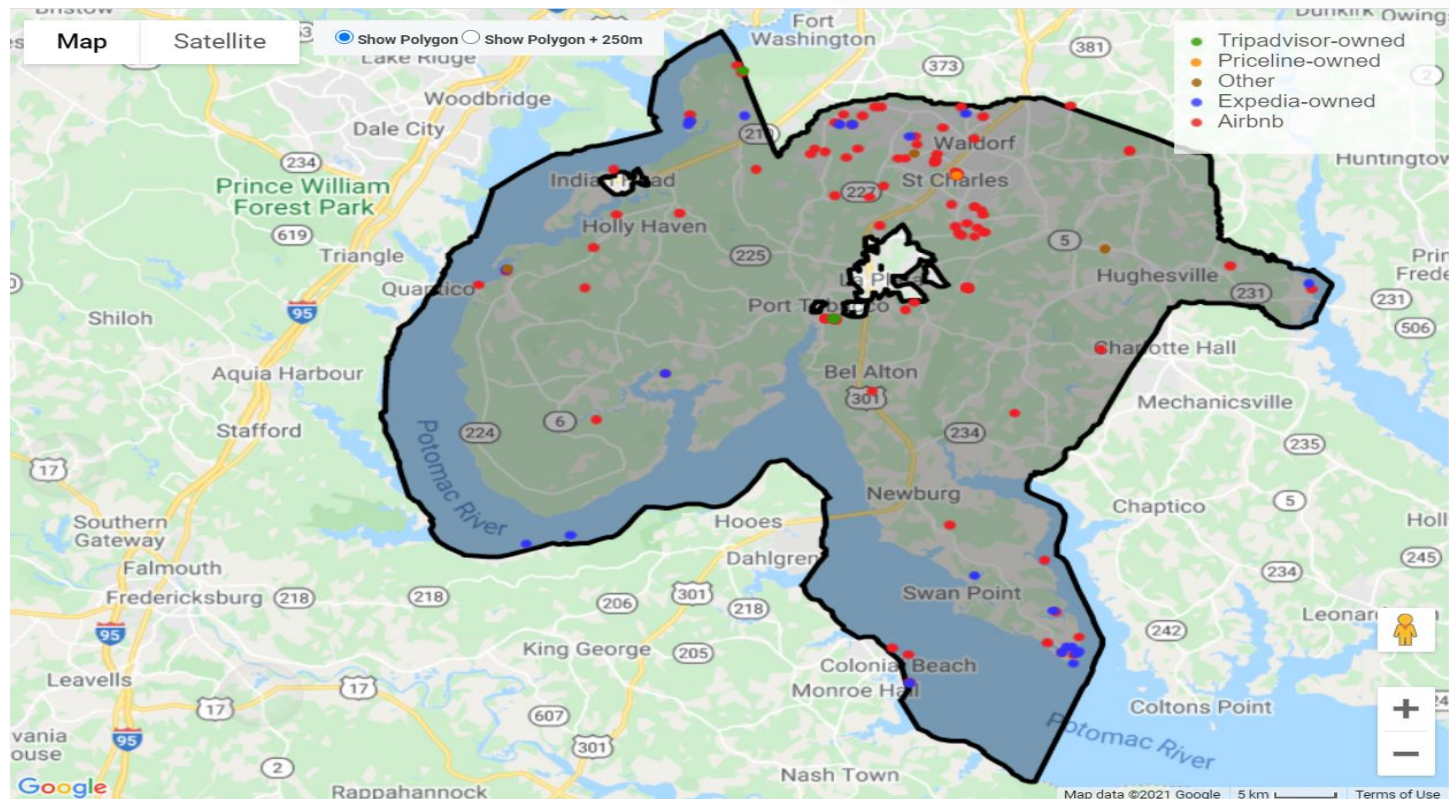


Charles County Data Details

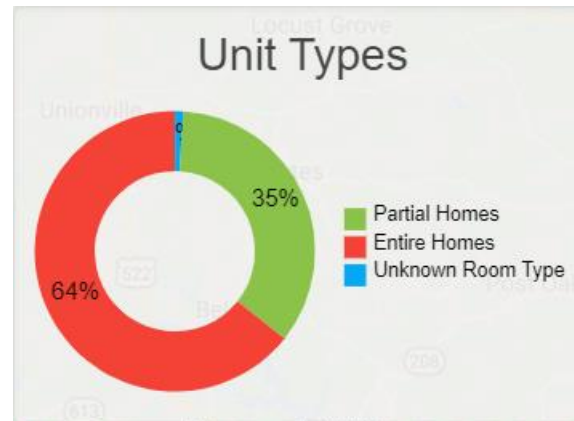
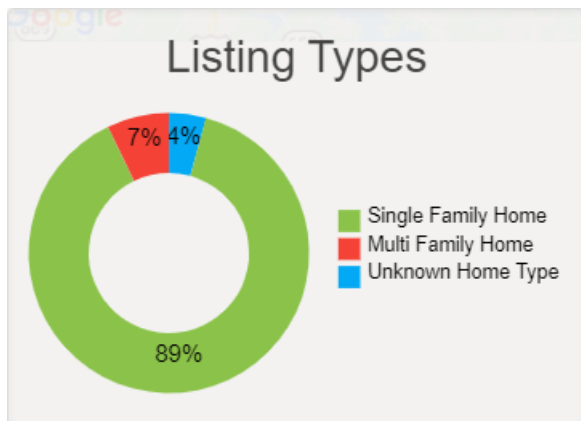
Total County



...and in the unincorporated areas of Charles County we have identified 210 listings, representing 115 unique rental units*



Charles County Data Details



Without proper enforcement, only a fraction of short-term rentals will get registered and pay their fair share of taxes

In General Less Than 10% Of STR Owners Voluntarily
Get Registered And Pay All Of Their Taxes



Large potential for increasing
permit/license/registration fee income and tax
revenues

Manual compliance monitoring and enforcement is ineffective and expensive

- ✓ Rental property listings are spread across 100s of different websites
- ✓ Manually monitoring 100s of properties is practically impossible as listings are constantly added, changed or removed
- ✓ Address data is hidden from listings making it time-consuming or impossible to locate the exact properties and identify owners
- ✓ It is practically impossible to collect taxes as there is no easy way to find out how often the properties are rented and for how much
- ✓ The vacation rental platforms refuse to provide the detailed data necessary for enforcing local Ordinances
- ✓ Manual compliance monitoring and complaint-based enforcement often leads to claims of selective enforcement

Accelerate progress irrespective of where Charles County is in the process of adopting and implementing effective short-term rental regulations

Pre-Ordinance

- Detailed local market data
- Online Ordinance Assistant tool
- Free webinars
- Guide To Effectively Regulating Short-term Rentals On The Local Government Level
- APA Short Term Rental Online Course
- Peer Introductions
- Free draft review
- Consulting and facilitation

Post-Ordinance

- Mobile-Enabled Online Permitting / Registration
- Address Identification
- Compliance Monitoring
- Rental Activity Monitoring
- Tax Collection
- Tax Audit Automation
- 24/7 Hotline

The Granicus Host Compliance solution can address all Charles County's short-term rental related challenges



Mobile-Enabled Registration and Tax Collection:

Mobile/web forms and back-end systems for streamlining registration and tax collection processes and capturing required documentation, signatures and payments electronically



Address Identification:

Automated monitoring of 50+ STR websites and online dashboard with complete address information and screenshots of all identifiable STRs in Charles County's jurisdiction



Compliance Monitoring:

Ongoing monitoring of STRs for zoning and permit compliance coupled with systematic outreach to illegal short-term rental operators (using Charles County's form letters)



Rental Activity Monitoring and Tax Calculation Support:






Ongoing monitoring of Charles County's STR listings for signs of rental activity. Enables data-informed tax compliance monitoring and other enforcement practices that require knowledge of STR activity level



Dedicated Hotline:

24/7 staffed telephone hotline and online platform for neighbors to report non-emergency STR problems, submit evidence and initiate automatic follow-up activities






To accommodate any budget and ensure a high ROI for our clients, our services are priced based on the number of STRs that needs to be monitored (Total County)

| Cost per STR Listing/Rental Unit | |
|--|---------------------|
|  Mobile-Enabled Registration/Tax Collection | TBD Per Year |
|  Address Identification | \$45.00 Per Year |
|  Compliance Monitoring | \$22.50 Per Year |
|  Rental Activity Monitoring | \$30.00 Per Year |
|  24/7 Dedicated Hotline | \$12.00 Per Year |

Affordable modular pricing tailored to Charles County's needs (Total County)

| | | |
|---|--|---------------------|
|  | Mobile-Enabled Registration/Tax Collection | \$5,000 Per Year |
|  | Address Identification | \$9,675 Per Year |
|  | Compliance Monitoring | \$2,768 Per Year |
|  | Rental Activity Monitoring | \$3,690 Per Year |
|  | 24/7 Dedicated Hotline | \$1,476 Per Year |

To accommodate any budget and ensure a high ROI for our clients, our services are priced based on the number of STRs that needs to be monitored

| Cost per STR Listing/Rental Unit | |
|--|---------------------|
|  Mobile-Enabled Registration/Tax Collection | TBD Per Year |
|  Address Identification | \$45.00 Per Year |
|  Compliance Monitoring | \$22.50 Per Year |
|  Rental Activity Monitoring | \$30.00 Per Year |
|  24/7 Dedicated Hotline | \$12.00 Per Year |

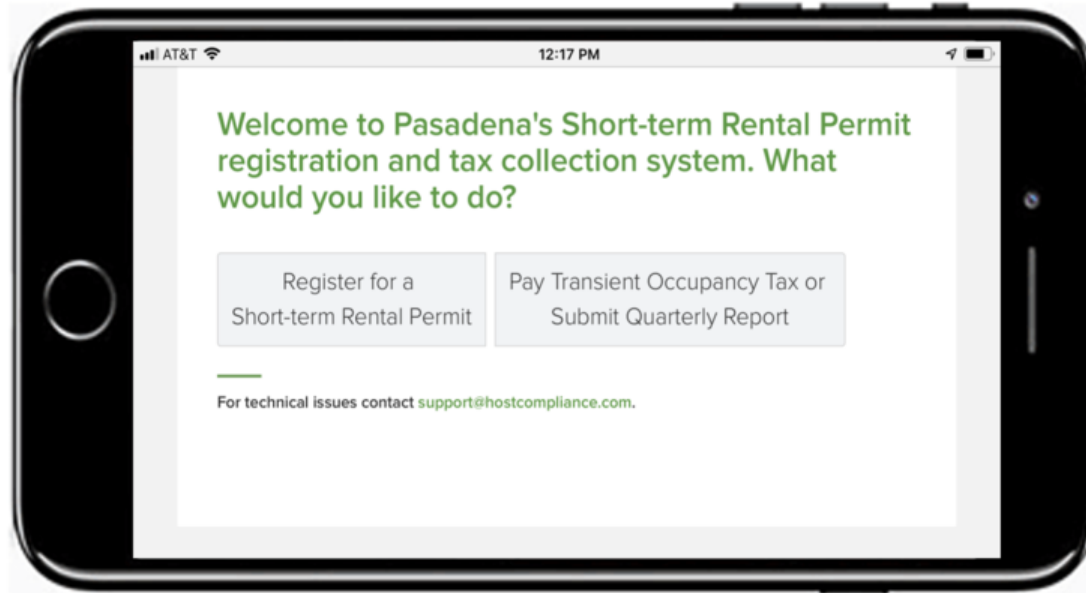


Affordable modular pricing tailored to Charles County's needs

| | | |
|---|--|---------------------|
|  | Mobile-Enabled Registration/Tax Collection | \$5,000 Per Year |
|  | Address Identification | \$9,450 Per Year |
|  | Compliance Monitoring | \$2,588 Per Year |
|  | Rental Activity Monitoring | \$3,450 Per Year |
|  | 24/7 Dedicated Hotline | \$1,380 Per Year |

Mobile-Enabled Registration/Tax Collection

Simplify Charles County's registration/permitting/tax collection process and significantly reduce the administrative costs on the back-end



Mobile-Enabled Registration/Tax Collection

Make it as easy to register, submit documentation and pay for your STR license/permit/taxes as it is to make a purchase from Amazon.com



We customize the online workflow to meet Charles County's specific Ordinance requirements



The user-experience is designed to delight citizens, reduce errors and guide applicants through the process



We let hosts pay their registration fees and taxes whichever way they prefer



We collect supporting documentation and electronic signatures to ensure compliance with all laws

Address Identification

Technology and processes make it possible to easily monitor Charles County's STR market and find the addresses and owners of all identifiable STRs

1

Scan

We scan the world's 50+ largest STR websites for all listings in Charles County

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Extract

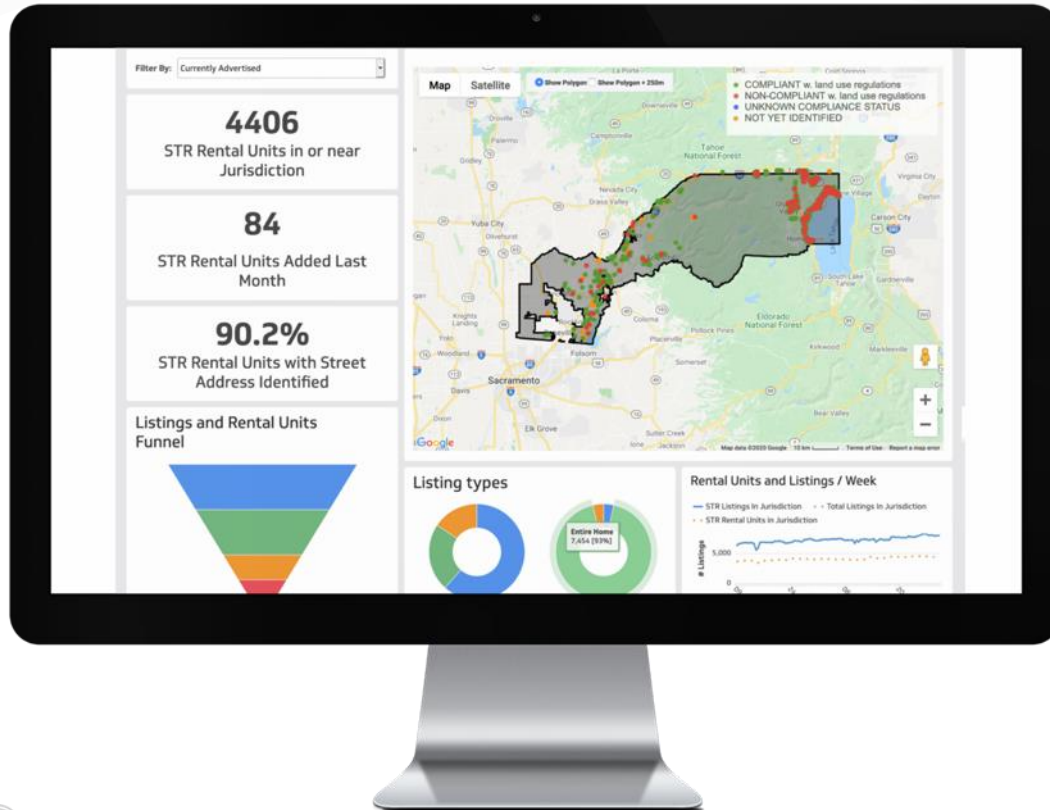
We geocode each listing and extract as much information as possible to allow our AI models to narrow down the list of possible address/owner matches

3

Combine

We combine AI and human analysts to identify the exact addresses and owner information for each identifiable STR

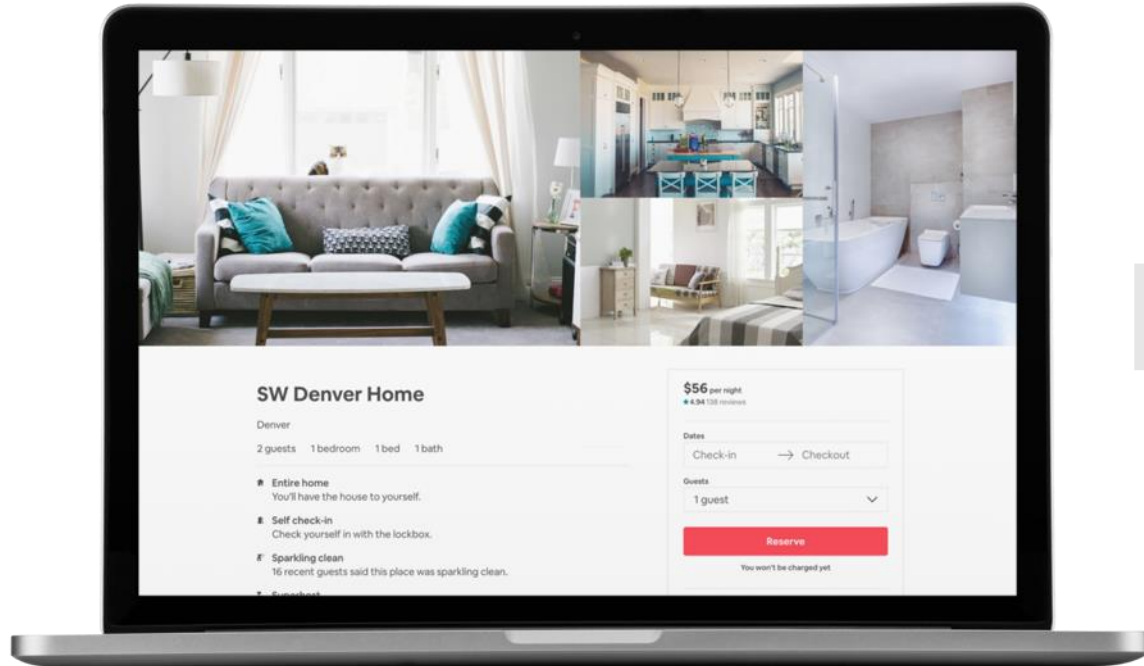
Address Identification



Granicus Host Compliance provides real-time dashboards that makes it easy for staff and elected officials to understand the current state of Charles County's short-term rental market

Address Identification

While scanning each STR platform every 3 days, Granicus Host Compliance captures listing status, metadata and full-screen screenshots which are time-stamped and made available to our clients in real time

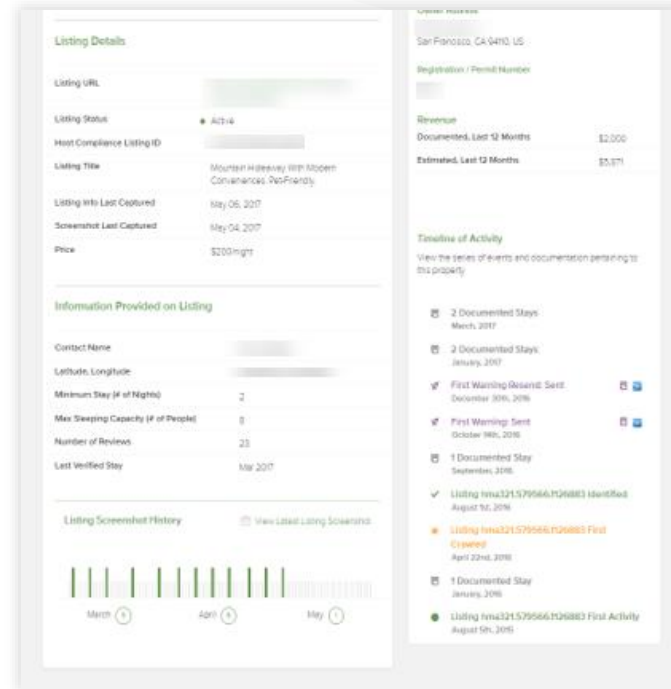
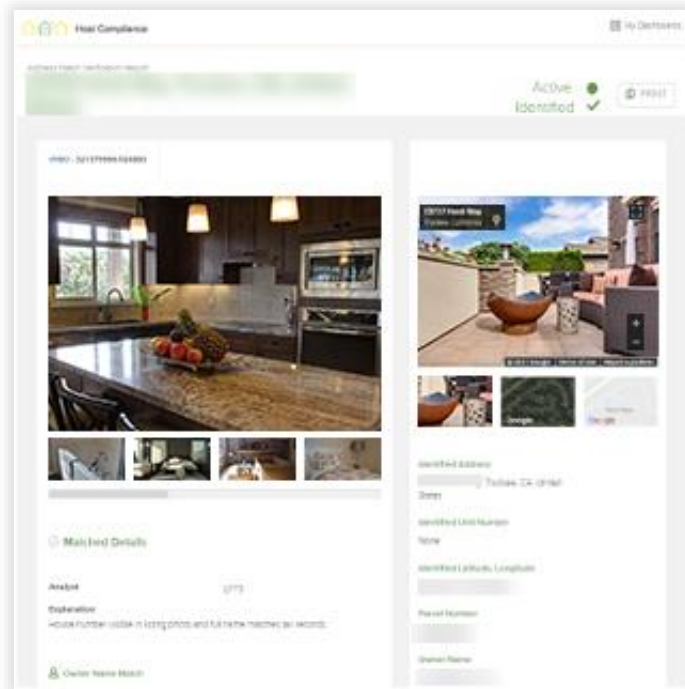


Full
screen



Address Identification

The data and screenshots we collect are made available to authorized city personnel in an easy to use online dashboard and records management system



Address Identification

Our system supports all Charles County's enforcement efforts with evidence of every address match and signed declarations, affidavits and expert testimony whenever needed

Example of Searchable Evidence

Matched Details

Analyst IXMJ

Explanation
The exterior shown in the listing photo has all of the identical features to the one shown on the assessor website. The property is hosted by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], which matches the two owners listed by the assessor.

Listing Photos **Matching 3rd Party Sources**

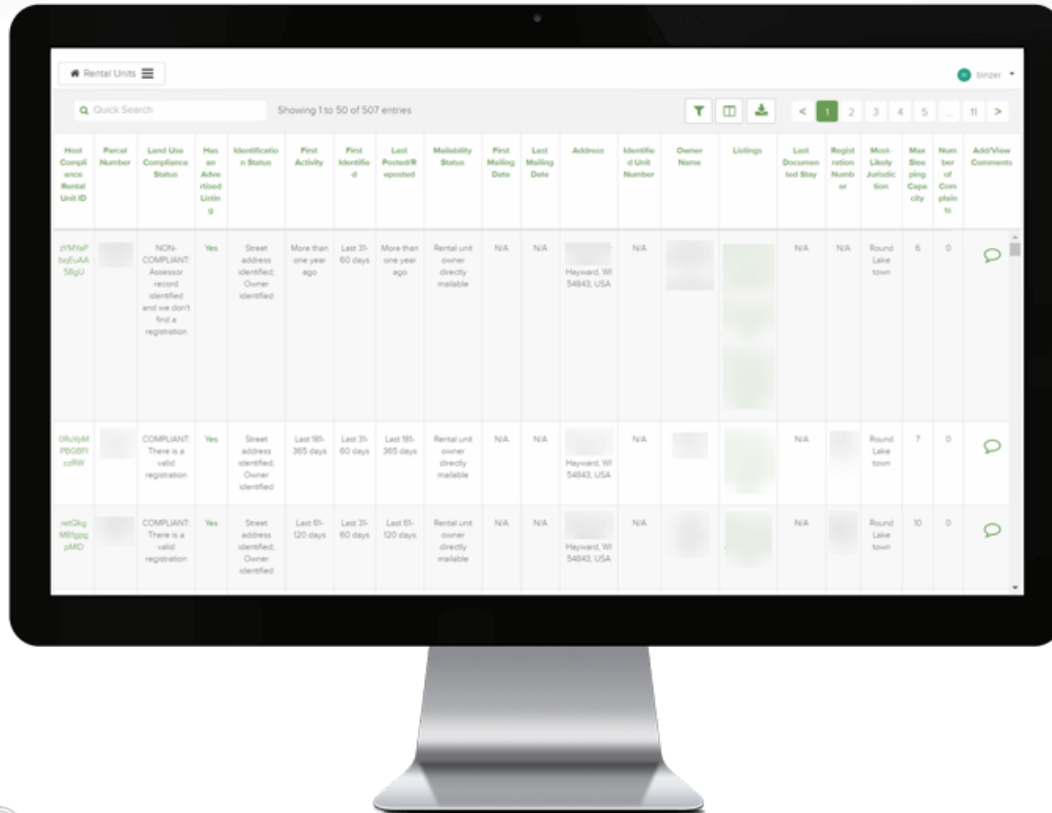
Same exterior.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mentioned as hosts, they are owners of property.

Example of Legal Declaration

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| 8 | CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH-ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION APPEAL |
| 9 | |
| 10 | In the Appeal Of Citation Number [REDACTED] Code Enforcement Case [REDACTED] |
| 11 | DECLARATION OF ULRİK BINZER |
| 12 | [IMAGED FILE] |
| 13 | Appellant, |
| 14 | vs. Hearing Officer: [REDACTED] |
| 15 | CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, Hearing Date: May 30, 2018 |
| 16 | Respondent. Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m. |
| 17 | Hearing Location: Mayor's Office |
| 18 | 825 Imperial Beach Blvd. |
| 19 | Imperial Beach, CA 91932 |
| 20 | |
| 21 | I, Ulrik Binzer, declare as follows: |
| 22 | 1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of Host Compliance, LLC. I have personal knowledge of all the matters stated herein and, if called as a witness, I could competently testify thereto. |
| 23 | 2. Host Compliance, LLC ("Host Compliance") is a California Limited Liability Company that was formed on October 15, 2015 with its principal place of business located at 735 Market Street, Floor 4, San Francisco, CA 94920. I have worked for Host Compliance since its inception. |
| 24 | 3. As the, CEO, my duties at Host Compliance include managing all aspect of the Company's operations. I am also the Founder and CEO of Host Compliance. I previously served |
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| | 1 DECLARATION OF ULRİK BINZER |

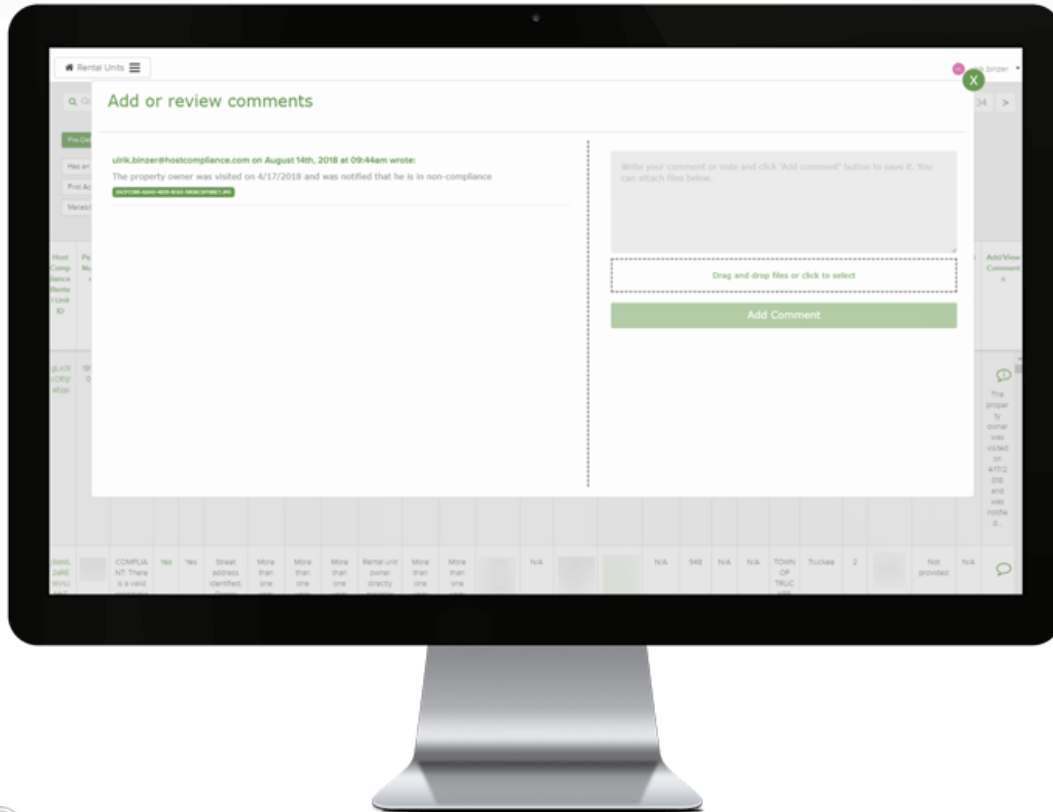
Address Identification



| Host Compliance Rental Unit ID | Parcel Number | Land Use Compliance Status | Has an Address Listed | Identification Status | First Activity | First Identified | Last Posted/Reported | Mobility Status | First Mailing Date | Last Mailing Date | Address | Identified Unit Number | Owner Name | Listings | Last Documented Story | Registration Number | Most Likely Jurisdiction | Max Sleeping Capacity | Number of Complaints | Add/View Comments |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------|---|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 21M7aP h2jUAA 58gU | | NON-COMPLIANT: Assessor record identified and we don't find a registration | Yes | Street address identified. Owner identified | More than one year ago | Last 31-60 days | More than one year ago | Rental unit owner directly reachable | N/A | N/A | Hayward, WI 54843, USA | N/A | | | N/A | N/A | Round Lake town | 6 | 0 | |
| 08uYm P8G9P c2RW | | COMPLIANT: There is a valid registration | Yes | Street address identified. Owner identified | Last 31-365 days | Last 31-60 days | Last 31-365 days | Rental unit owner directly reachable | N/A | N/A | Hayward, WI 54843, USA | N/A | | | N/A | | Round Lake town | 7 | 0 | |
| vt2Gg M8jmg pMD | | COMPLIANT: There is a valid registration | Yes | Street address identified. Owner identified | Last 61-120 days | Last 31-60 days | Last 61-120 days | Rental unit owner directly reachable | N/A | N/A | Hayward, WI 54843, USA | N/A | | | N/A | | Round Lake town | 10 | 0 | |

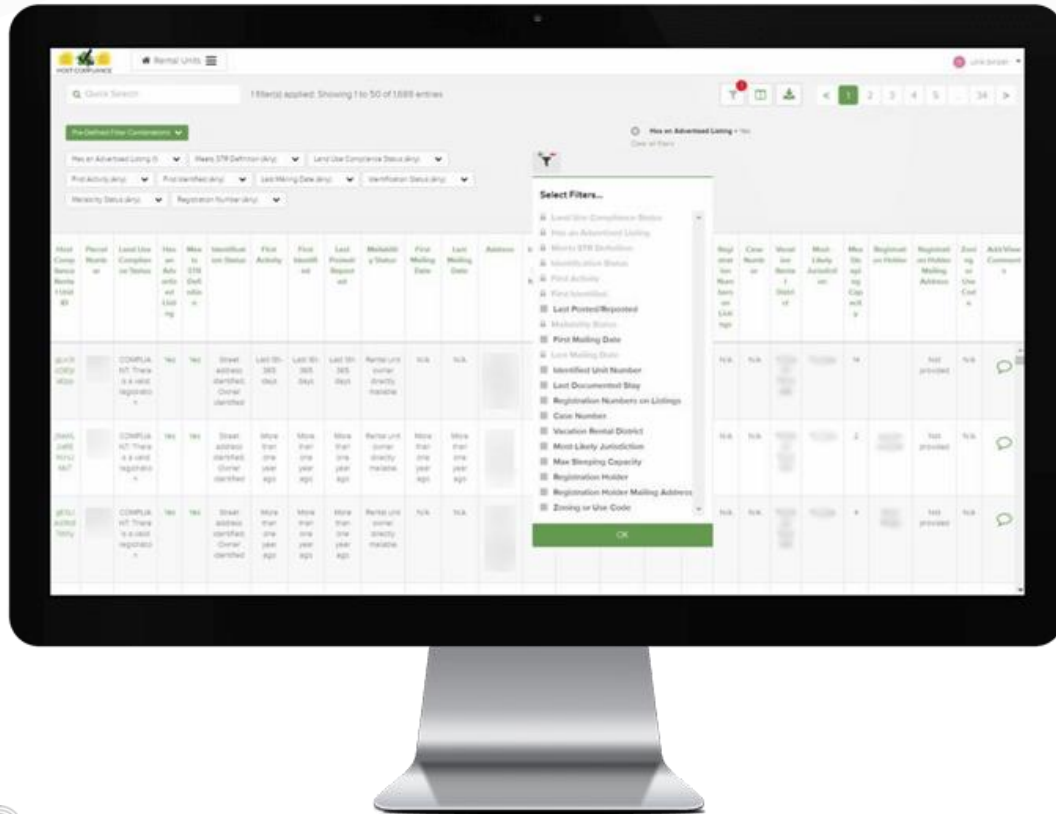
All data is made available in detailed data reports that can be customized to Charles County's exact needs and easily downloaded into Excel/CSV format

Address Identification



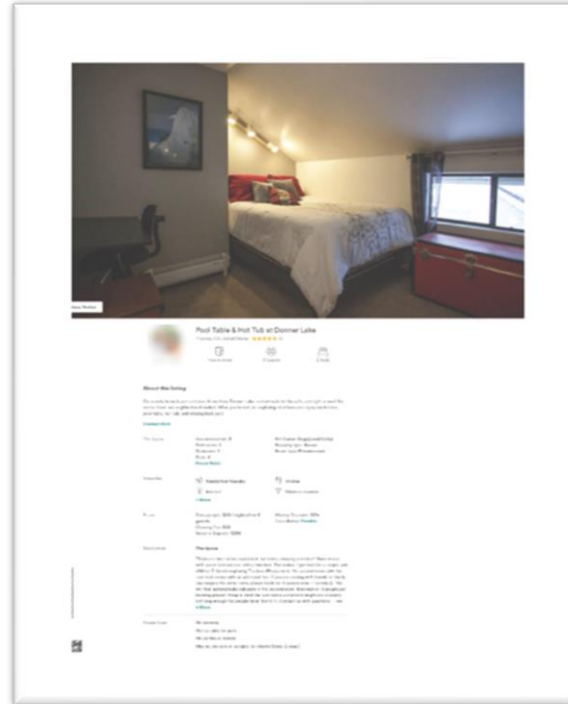
Granicus Host Compliance makes it easy to track the status of individual rentals and create case notes as needed

Address Identification



All our data can be easily filtered, sorted and grouped in real-time

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Compliance Monitoring

Automate the entire mailing and follow-up process and track the status and outcome of each letter in real-time

Permit Compliance Mailing Sequence



HOST COMPLIANCE

Letters

customer.success@nashville-tn

Quick Search

Showing 1 to 50 of 7,674 entries

No filters have been applied.

| Letter ID | Letter | Mailing Date | Recipient Status | USPS Delivery Status | Parcel Number | Unit Number | Recipient Name | Recipient Address | Property Address | Has an Advertised Listing | Meets STR Definition | Land Use Compliance Status | Estimated Tax Base | Returned | Letter was sent to correct recipient | Property is now in compliance | Rental Unit Record(s) | Registration Type | Report Issue | Add/View Comments |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| 58691 | First Warning - No STR or Tax | 2019-08-04 | Delivered | Delivered | 15007001100 | N/A | | | | No | Yes | COMPLIANT: No longer advertised | estimated_revenue_upper_bound | No | Yes | Yes | Rental Unit Record | N/A | Report issue | Tim, Below is basically the process you'll need to follow... |
| 58690 | First Warning - No STR or Tax | 2019-08-04 | Delivered | Delivered | 14905018900 | N/A | | | | No | Yes | COMPLIANT: No longer advertised | estimated_revenue_upper_bound | No | Yes | Yes | Rental Unit Record | N/A | Report issue | |
| 58689 | First Warning - No STR or Tax | 2019-08-04 | Delivered | Delivered | 14815013500 | N/A | | | | No | Yes | COMPLIANT: No longer advertised | estimated_revenue_upper_bound | No | Yes | Yes | Rental Unit Record | N/A | Report issue | |

Compliance Monitoring

Stay in control but save time by having us send your enforcement letters with the click of a button

The screenshot displays the Granicus Compliance Monitoring interface. At the top, a 'Rental Unit Record' for '15 Palm Ave, Nashville, TN 37203, USA' is shown with status 'Active', 'Identified', and 'Compliant'. A red arrow points from a 'SEND A LETTER' button in this record to a larger, highlighted 'SEND A LETTER' button on the right. Below the record, the 'Listing(s) Information' section shows 'Airbnb - 24645873' and a photo of a kitchen. The 'Rental Unit Information' section is partially visible. A 'Select Letter Template' modal is open, showing four templates: 'First Warning - No STR or Tax', 'First Warning - No STR Permit', 'First Warning - No Tax Reg', and 'Airbnb Letter'. The modal also includes a '< Back' button and a 'Matched Details' section with 'Analyst: OZAP' and an 'Explanation'.

Rental Unit Record
15 Palm Ave, Nashville, TN 37203, USA
Active
Identified
Compliant
PRINT
SEND A LETTER

Listing(s) Information
Airbnb - 24645873
VRBO - 3212066937757469
View on Google Maps
Google

Rental Unit Information
Identified Address
Identified Unit Number
Identified Latitude
Parcel Number
Owner Name
Owner Address

Select Letter Template
< Back
First Warning - No STR or Tax
First Warning - No STR Permit
First Warning - No Tax Reg
Airbnb Letter

Matched Details
Analyst: OZAP
Explanation
The property was successfully identified after finding a picture of the short term rental permit on the listing then validating the address on the Nashville short term rental permit site, then pulling the parcel up on the tax assessor site thus getting all other information.

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Rental Activity Audit Automation

Automate the selection of audit candidates and the issuance of audit notifications to maximize the impact of Charles County's audit efforts

Tax under-reporting mailing sequence



Rental Activity Audit Automation

Streamline the audit process by requesting all backup info through simple, interactive online forms

The image displays two screenshots of a web application for rental activity audit automation. The first screenshot shows the 'Short-term Rental Revenue Validation Form' with a green header. It prompts the user to 'Please report each listing advertising your short-term rental.' and contains two input sections. Each section has a 'Listing Website:' dropdown menu (showing 'Homeaway / VRBO / VacationRentals.com' and 'Tripadvisor / Flipkey' respectively) and a 'Listing Webpage:' text field (both containing 'https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/12345'). A green '+ Add another' button is at the bottom of the second section, and a 'Back' button is at the bottom left. The second screenshot shows a form titled 'Please enter the taxable receipts for the listing on Airbnb at https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/1838274 (Listing 1 / 2)'. It includes a link to 'Access your Airbnb history at https://www.airbnb.com/my_reservations?all=1&print=1&target=_blank' and a detailed instruction: 'Taxable receipts INCLUDE, but are not limited to, nightly rents, weekly rents, standard cleaning fees, pet fees, internet charges, late check-out fees, extra person fees, and resort fees. Taxable receipts EXCLUDE refundable deposits and any additional items included in a special package rate, such as ski passes, or other recreational activity or additional service subject to CA sales tax.' Below this, there is a vertical year selector '2015' and four calendar entries for 2015: 'Calendar Quarter 1 2015 (January 01 - March 31)', 'Calendar Quarter 2 2015 (April 01 - June 30)', 'Calendar Quarter 3 2015 (July 01 - September 30)', and 'Calendar Quarter 4 2015'. To the right of each calendar entry is a text prompt 'Please enter the taxable receipts for Quarter 1 / 2015' (repeated for each quarter) and a corresponding input field with a placeholder '\$xx,xxx'.

Short-term Rental Revenue Validation Form

Please report each listing advertising your short-term rental.

Listing Website: Homeaway / VRBO / VacationRentals.com

Listing Webpage: https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/12345

Listing Website: Tripadvisor / Flipkey

Listing Webpage: https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/12345

+ Add another

Back

Please enter the taxable receipts for the listing on Airbnb at <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/1838274> (Listing 1 / 2).

Access your Airbnb history at https://www.airbnb.com/my_reservations?all=1&print=1&target=_blank

Taxable receipts INCLUDE, but are not limited to, nightly rents, weekly rents, standard cleaning fees, pet fees, internet charges, late check-out fees, extra person fees, and resort fees. Taxable receipts EXCLUDE refundable deposits and any additional items included in a special package rate, such as ski passes, or other recreational activity or additional service subject to CA sales tax.

2015

Calendar Quarter 1 2015
(January 01 - March 31)

Calendar Quarter 2 2015
(April 01 - June 30)

Calendar Quarter 3 2015
(July 01 - September 30)

Calendar Quarter 4 2015

Please enter the taxable receipts for Quarter 1 / 2015

\$xx,xxx

Please enter the taxable receipts for Quarter 2 / 2015

\$xx,xxx

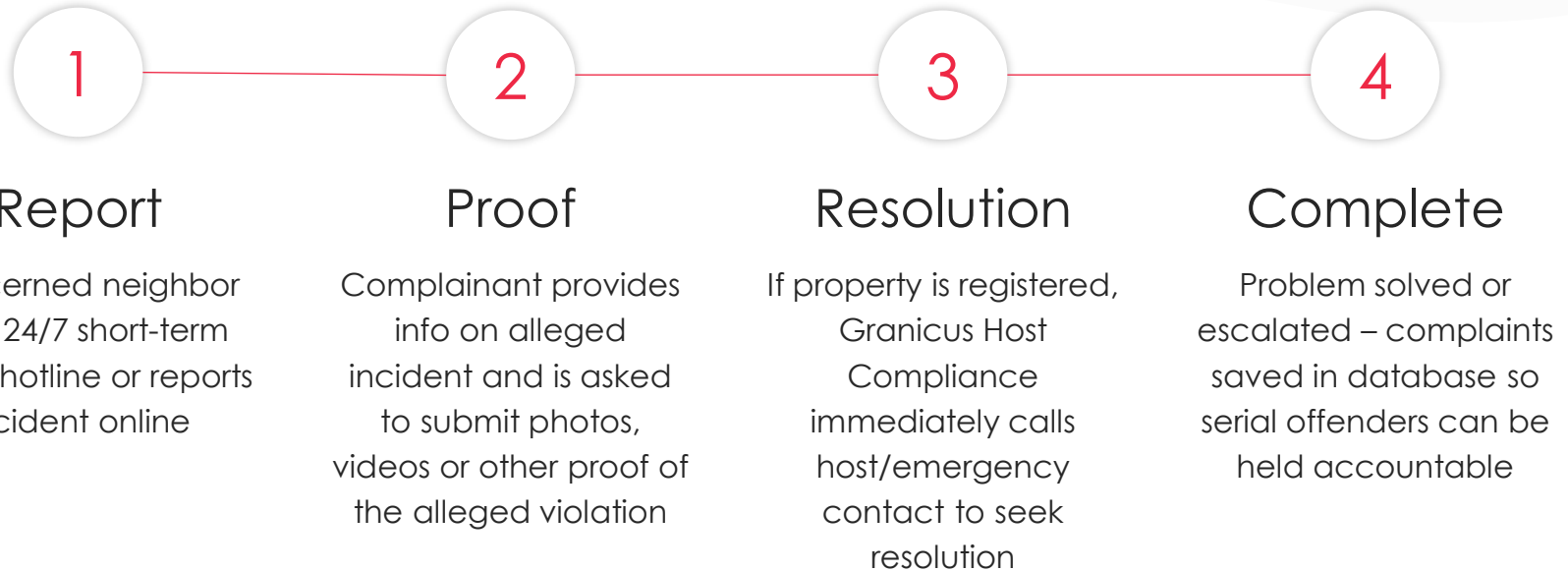
Please enter the taxable receipts for Quarter 3 / 2015

\$xx,xxx

Please enter the taxable receipts for Quarter 4 / 2015

24/7 STR Hotline

Make it easy for neighbors to report, substantiate and resolve non-emergency STR related incidents in real-time



24/7 STR Hotline



Get detailed reports and dashboards to track all short-term rental related complaints in real-time and over time

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Benefits to using the Host Compliance solution

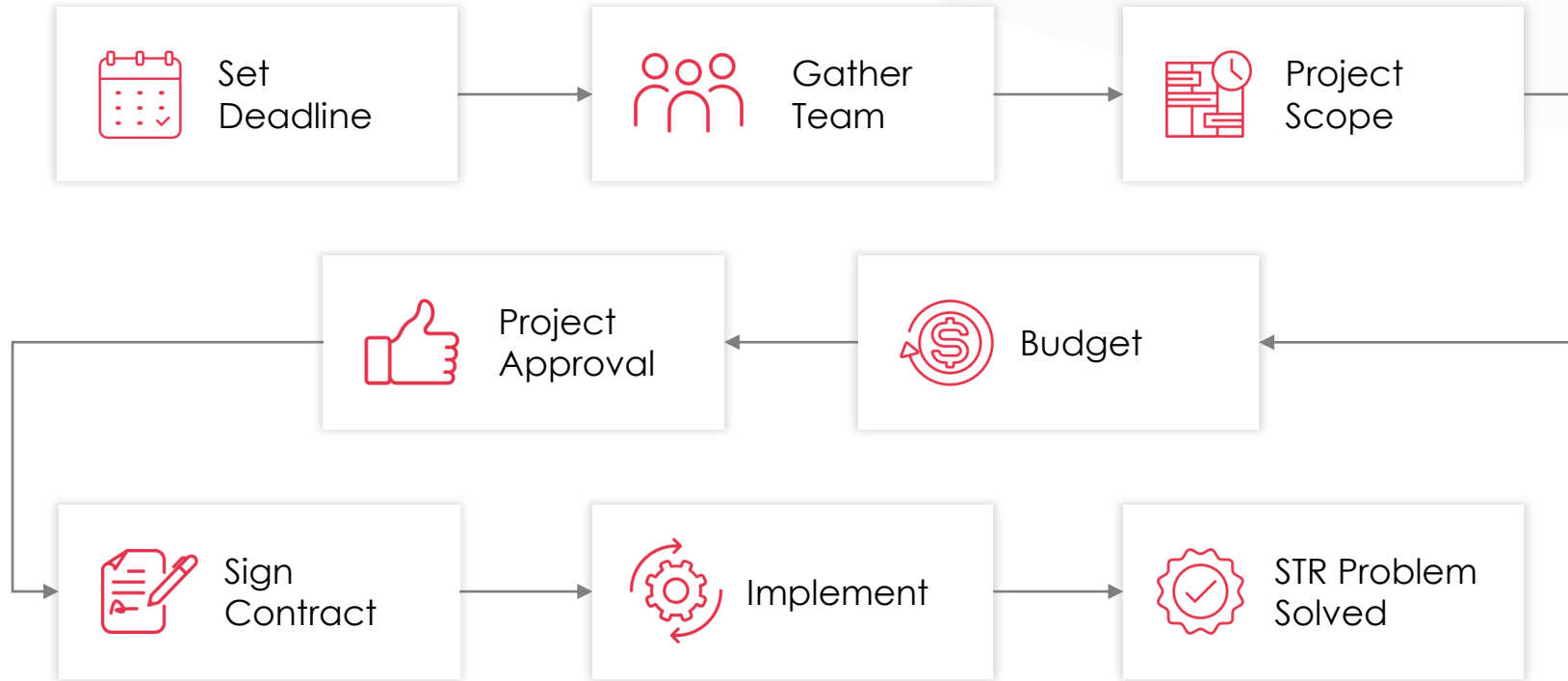
- ✓ Ensures fair, continuous and consistent compliance monitoring and enforcement
- ✓ Frees up valuable staff time that can be focused on higher-value added activities
- ✓ Minimizes noise, parking and trash violations
- ✓ Minimizes the impact on local law and code enforcement agencies as complaints are first handled by our 24/7 hotline and routed to the appropriate property owner before further enforcement actions are triggered
- ✓ Maximizes Charles County's tax and permit fee collections
- ✓ REVENUE POSITIVE – in most cases, the additional registration fees alone pays for the Granicus Host Compliance solution several times over
- ✓ Requires NO up-front investment or complicated IT integration



FEEDBACK

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Working backwards to a solution to address Charles County's STR challenges



Next Steps

- ☒ Send you this presentation and meeting summary
- ☒ Schedule all team meeting?
- ☒ Set timeline to decide on best solution for Charles County's needs
- ☒ Confirm timing of possible rollout (needed to secure Charles County's place in the queue)

Contact Info

Please feel free to contact us anytime if you have any questions about short-term rental regulation and how to best address the associated monitoring and enforcement challenges.

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Unlike our competitors, Granicus Host Compliance systematically captures data from 54 major short-term rental platforms every 3 days

Abritel
Agoda.com
Airbnb.com
AlugueTemporada
BedandBreakfast.com
Belvilla
Bookabach
Booking.com
Bungalo
CanadaStays
Cofman
CyberRentals
Dobovo
e-domizil
Evolve

Expedia.com
Flat4Day
Flipkey.com
Great Rentals
HolidayLettings.com
HomeAway.co.uk
HomeAway.com
HomeAway.com.au
HomeAway.de
HomeAway.es
Homelidays.com
HomeLike
HomeStay
HouseTrip.com
HRS Holidays

Kozaza
LoveHomeSwap
LuxuryRetreats.com
MountainSkiTrips
Niumba.com
Novasol
Orbitz
OwnersDirect
PerfectPlaces
Stayz.com.au
Toprural.es
travelmob.com
TravelStaytion
Tripadvisor.com
TripBeat

Tripz
Vacasa
VacationCandy
VacationRentals.com
Villas.com
VRBO.com
WeNeedAVacation
Wimdu
9flats.com



Air Condition Legislative Proposal:

1. Require all multi-family residential rental property owners and single-family residential rental property owners to provide and maintain air conditioning service for rental housing units located in the county.
2. Each property owner of multi-family and single-family rental housing where cooling is under the control of the tenant, must provide an air conditioning system capable of maintaining a temperature of no more than 70 degrees Fahrenheit in each habitable space, including bathrooms, toilet rooms, and unit hallways at a minimum height of 5 feet above floor level.
3. Each property owner of multi-family and single-family rental housing where cooling is not under the control of the tenant must maintain a temperature of no more than 75 degrees Fahrenheit from May 1st to September 30th in each habitable space, including bathrooms, toilet rooms, and unit hallways at a minimum height of 5 feet above floor level.
4. Property owners shall be given 12 months following the passage of the legislation to make any maintenance upgrade to be in compliance with this legislation.

Supporting information:

<https://www.marylandmatters.org/2023/07/31/commentary-renters-deserve-air-conditioning/>

- [2022](#)
 - 3 heat advisories in MD
 - June 24
 - August 3
 - August 9
 - Heat Advisory criteria
 - The National Weather Service will issue a Heat Advisory when the heat index value is expected to reach 105 to 109 degrees Fahrenheit within the next 12 to 24 hours. A Heat Advisory may be issued for lower criteria if it is early in the season or during a multi-day heat wave.
 - Excessive Heat Warning criteria
 - The National Weather Service will issue an Excessive Heat Warning when the heat index value is expected to reach or exceed 110 degrees Fahrenheit within the next 12 to 24 hours. An Excessive Heat Warning may be issued for lower criteria if it is early in the season or during a multi-day heat wave.
 - Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Heat-related Illnesses for May 17, 2022, to September 12, 2022 were around 200 complaints in Charles County
- [2023](#)
 - Emergency Department and Urgent Care Complaints of Heat Related Illness
 - [July 25 - July 31](#)

- 503 in MD
- 12 in Charles County
- Age breakdown in MD
 - Ages 0-4 (15)
 - Ages 5-17 (50)
 - Ages 18-44 (183)
 - Ages 45-65 (114)
 - Ages 65+ (141)

■ August 1 - August 7

- 320 in MD
- 10 in Charles County
- Age breakdown in MD
 - Ages 0-4 (15)
 - Ages 5-17 (14)
 - Ages 18-44 (138)
 - Ages 45-64 (76)
 - Ages 65+ (77)

Lead Testing Legislative proposal:

1. Commission a lead testing study to direct the Maryland Department of Health to offer J. C. Parks Elementary and Matthew Henson Middle school's students, faculty, and their families residing in the same house as them, free blood lead testing and lead test school surfaces and soil.

Supporting information:

The Maryland Airport is located less than 1-mile from J. C. Parks Elementary and Matthew Henson Middle schools, in the Bryan's Road area. Many of the planes that frequent the airport are piston-engine planes, which the Environmental Protection Agency suggests "are the largest source of lead particles in the air", and use avgas fuel. The Federal Aviation Administration says, "[avgas] remains the only transportation fuel in the United State to contain lead". When the planes take off, land, and fly near the two schools fuel exhaust, containing many harmful chemicals including lead, are dropped on the schools. The Center for Disease Control stated people can be exposed to lead by breathing-in, ingesting, and coming in contact with lead dust. Lead particles can also stick to clothing and other surfaces to be brought home to students' and faculty's families.

Lead is a dangerous chemical for all people, especially children. The Mayo Clinic has stated "there is no safe blood level of lead". Lead poisoning in young children has been linked to cognitive, behavioral, and physical health issues. These issues include a lack of attention, learning difficulties, increased aggression, brain and kidney damage, and more.

This is not just a Charles County issue. In Santa Clara County, California, the county Board of Supervisors voted to ban the sale of leaded fuel at the Reid-Hillview and San Martin airports in August 2021, after a peer-reviewed study was released that linked the airports' use of leaded fuel to Flint, Michigan levels of lead exposure.

Lowering the Age to Run for School Board in Charles County legislative proposal:

1. Change the minimum age requirement to run for Charles County School Board from 21 years old to 18 years old.

Supporting information:

The minimum age to run for City and Town Council and Commissioner, within Charles County, is 18 years old. As well the majority of counties in the state allow 18 year olds to run for school board.

We entrust 18 year olds to pay taxes, join the military, take on hundreds of thousands of dollars in student debt, vote, etc. Our county also allows student members, who are under the age of 18, of the board to vote on multiple issues. An eighteen year old, if elected, would have a unique insight having recently graduated from Charles County Public Schools and having been directly affected by the board's policies. Candidates between the ages of 18 and 20 would still have to run, raise money, knock doors, gain support from voters, etc. in order to win a seat on the board.

Municipality Incorporation Process legislative proposal:

1. Require a petition for municipal incorporation be signed by 25% of registered voters within the area to be incorporated, who are registered to vote in county elections.
2. The petition shall include a detailed description of the proposed municipal boundaries, the name of the proposed municipality, and a copy of the proposed charter as a supplement to the petition.
3. Petitioners can only submit signatures that are within one year of the first signer.
4. Once the County Board of Election has verified the petition complies with the law's requirements, a ballot initiative for municipal incorporation shall be put on the upcoming general election ballot.
5. The ballot initiative shall only be submitted to the registered voters of the area proposed for incorporation.
6. If a majority of those voting on the initiative vote for the incorporation, the area proposed shall become an incorporated municipality under the charter posted during the ballot initiative.

Maryland Educators' Recruitment and Retention Proposal(s)

As a former 18-year public school special educator, I firmly believe all educators are worth far more money than they are currently being paid. However, I understand that local/state tax dollars sometimes won't provide a suitable and fair pay formula considering the complexities of local government and community needs. In addition, I know that educators have for decades worked more hours with less resources and in most cases...after contract hours.

I am presenting this proposal as a constituent, former educator, and special education advocate as well as Maryland educators. I feel educators have been neglected for far too long and we are at a critical point in education where if we don't do something to quickly address the teacher shortage epidemic our youth will suffer in the long-run. In my honest opinion, every election year incumbents and/or candidates preach about how important educators are with promises of increased pay, reduced workload, smaller classes, better working environments, etc., etc.

Under the current MD BluePrint there is emphasis on college/career readiness, governance/accountability, early childhood education, student resources, and the teacher recruitment/retention (which includes increased pay). However, there is extraordinarily little that addresses the decades of FREE labor educators have been expected to perform, sometimes under much stress, with no compensation or ability to make up that time. In addition, educators aren't forwarded the special privileges allotted to some elected officials serving as a part-time educator and a part-time politician. There is a teacher shortage, yet some politicians are permitted to use personal leave (some with or without pay) while their students get a part-time educator/education. I don't believe the MD BluePrint is going to address the teacher recruitment/retention woes because of the high price tag local jurisdictions will have to absorb as well as the lack of a robust approach to true education reform.

Furthermore, educators work an average of 10 hours of free labor and the average gross pay is \$60,000 per year; many educators work as much as 20 hours per week while few work zero hours after contract hours. Below are estimated calculations to demonstrate how much additional money educators are denied while most hourly-contracted employees are not denied additional money.

\$60,000 per year average salary (based of gross pay)

\$5,000 per month

\$2,500 per two weeks

\$250 per day based on 10 workdays per pay period

\$33 per hour based on 7.5 hours per day (which normally includes 2 additional hours per month for staff meeting and/or extra duty)

When you take into account an average of 10 hours per week (to include all 7 days of the week) an educator is not paid the following based on 9 weeks per academic quarter (4 quarters in academic year):

$\$33 \text{ per hour} \times 10 \text{ hours per week} \times 9 \text{ weeks} = \$2,970 \text{ per quarter}$

$\$2,970 \text{ per quarter} \times 4 \text{ quarters} = \$11,880 \text{ per academic year}$

Based on these estimations, a school system with the following number of educators would have saved the following on free labor:

1,900 Charles County educators x \$11,880 per academic year = \$22,572,000

10,000 Prince Georges educators x \$11,880 per academic year = \$118,800,000

60,000 MD x \$11,880 per academic year = \$712,800,000

Hence, the reason for the following proposals to assist with Maryland educators' recruitment and retention efforts.

PROPOSAL 1:

Maryland educators permitted to use any accrued personal leave or leave without pay to provide a public service to any local government and/or non-profit organization for compensation or volunteer capacity.

Justification:

Most, if not all school districts' teachers' contract agreements, prohibit educators from using accrued leave or leave without pay to work, gain additional income, or volunteer with government organizations, family service agencies, or 501(c)(3) non-profits during contract hours or in some cases at all.

Currently, several Maryland public school educators can use leave with or without pay to provide a public service to his or her constituents as an elected Maryland official. In some cases, elected officials can and/or serve(d) in another Maryland county if it is in the best interest of the respective school district accompanied by a written letter from a superintendent from the respective school district. Hence, Maryland elected officials have been granted permission to use accrued personal leave at the taxpayers' expense or take scheduled and/or unscheduled leaves of absences where most if not all other Maryland educators are strictly prohibited. Moreover, it is to the point that some MD school systems

won't permit an educator to tutor a student from the same school system outside of contract hours.

Why couldn't a health/science educator work as a subject matter expert with a health department or volunteer with a non-profit environmental group? Why couldn't a math teacher provide his or her expertise as statistical analyst assisting with the general population data to be used for planning and growth development in the school district? Why couldn't a special education teacher provide general/legal knowledge and/or serve as a subject matter expert in the County and/or State disabilities' office or provide much needed services within our juvenile detention centers and/or mental health facilities?

In the spirit of fairness and the uncertainty of Maryland educators' receiving equitable and higher pay, ongoing teacher shortages, and sinking morale, it is only reasonable that Maryland educators be able to volunteer or seek compensation from local governments and/or non-profits regardless of if they don't live in the school district they serve. This is a win-win for both because it is a positive means to absorb cost and/or resources as well as providing a service to any Maryland community and/or County. In addition, this could increase educator recruiting efforts and increase educator retention across the Maryland.

PROPOSAL 2:

Allow Maryland educators to accrue compensatory time (max of 90 hours per academic year) for performing educational work duties and/or responsibilities outside of contractual working hours.

Justification:

Educators perform such duties and/or responsibilities as grading assignments, lesson planning, substituting for other classes during their planning period, working on Individual Education Programs (IEPs) or general or special education-related duties and/or work without monetary or compensatory reward.

Instead, grant Maryland educators time earned for each hour (not to exceed 90 hours in an academic year or 5 hours per school week) to be used for mental and/or physical time-off to relieve the stress of work extra hours without pay or compensatory time.

PROPOSAL 3:

100% to 75% reimbursement to Maryland educators for graduate school or educator renewal courses in exchange for remaining in school system for specified number of academic years (i.e., 4 years after all courses are completed)

Justification:

As a whole, Maryland educators are required to enroll in constant professional development courses in order to remain certified at the financial expense of their own vs. the school system(s). Corporations, the medical field, law enforcement, military, or most private/government sector areas fully or partially reimburse employee(s) for the required courses in exchange for specified year(s) of committed service. However, many MD school systems offer tuition reimbursement but it is not equitable statewide as to the percentage of reimbursement and it is often dependent upon grant money.

Respectfully submitted,

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