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Vice Mayor Jones,

The Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL) Board of Directors recently discussed Short Term Rental (STR) and Event Homes at our April meeting.

Based on our experience, STRs have not been a problem in Ocean Park.

STRs have operated here for years appropriately, with landlords who take their hosting responsibilities seriously to maintain the tranquility of a bayfront community.

As you know, there are no regulations in Virginia Beach City Code that make STRs illegal, and they have been part of the culture of Virginia Beach, the bayfront and Ocean Park for decades. To the best of our knowledge, OPCL has never received a complaint about an STR and as currently operated they have not been an issue.

We do have concern with Event Homes and do not think it is appropriate to allow enormous homes that will be used as large Event Homes in Ocean Park. As opposed to a small STR, when many people gather for large events or vacations,

the risk of disruption to surrounding neighbors increases dramatically.

Our input can be summarized as follows:

- The OPCL Board of Directors supports STRs as currently operated.
- While we do not believe Event Homes have a place in any primarily residential neighborhood, we can only represent Ocean Park and do not support Event Homes here.

Thank you again for asking Ocean Park Civic League to offer our personal experience and guidance to you on these issues.

Sincerely Yours,

Andrew Broyles  
President  
Ocean Park Civic League