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Attention Planning Department & RDOS Board of Directors
Dear Sir(s)/Madam(s):

It is with great concern that we contact your department regarding Temporary Use Permits for Short Term Vacation Rentals. The Vaseux Lake Improvement District has been the continuous governing body responsible for domestic water management in Area D at Vaseux Lake since 1977. The community has a shallow well that supplies 41 serviced lots for residents.

It has come to our attention that the RDOS is considering and administering Temporary Use Permits for Short Term Vacation Rentals without any communication with the VLID Board of Trustees. For example, from the RDOS website the Temporary Use Permit page 2 Section Property Description asks the applicant to describe the current method of water supply. However there has been no communication with the VLID, as the supplier of water to determine if the TUP is viable.

In the RDOS pamphlet Temporary Use Permits for Vacation Rentals on the 2 nd panel under the Heading "Against what criteria is an application assessed? ", bullet number one states the application will be assessed to ensure the capability of accommodating on-site domestic water. Again, RDOS has made no contact with the VLID Trustees to confirm the availability and suitability of additional water use by vacation renters. In the TUP pamphlet the last bullet states another criteria is the Benefits that the vacation rental may... (?) which the VLID could offer an opinion.

The VLID respectfully requests that any TUP-Short Term Vacation Rental application be reviewed for VLID water approval prior to consideration by the RDOS. An email Wednesday May 27, 2022 from Fiona Titly Planner stated, " I have discussed with my colleagues and generally it has not been our policy to ask for proof of water capacity when assessing Vacation Rental Temporary Use Permits (TUP). Should issues with water supply arise it would be up to the homeowners and VLID to resolve this issue." VLID cannot accept decisions about water management being made for by RDOS and having to manage the TUP consequences.

Permitting TUP in Area D at Vaseux Lake without consulting the VLID is NOT acceptable.

Best Regards,
Myles Radchenko-Trustee and Chairperson
Wayne Rodgers -Trustee
Monika Jones -Trustee

