

Planning Commission STR Timeline

In response to documented complaints brought to the PC and Board regarding the Grenseth STR on S. Lake Ave, the PC recommended to the board that FT implement a 6 month moratorium to provide time to study and consider an ordinance for STRs, which are not legal under our current ordinance.

May 1, 2021 the 6 month Moratorium begins

- In May, the FTPC also established a subcommittee for study and recommendations on township options for management of STRs

Subcommittee members: Mark McCaughtry (chair), Ed Hruska (planning Commission member, present chair), Jean Pontzer (resident S. Lake Avenue Way)

- The subcommittee's study and reports:
 - Clarified what issues need to be addressed
 - Surveyed and documented ordinances from other jurisdictions of similar make up and character, including Afton, Stillwater (what others)
 - Compiled a set of questions for the township attorney, related to STR provisions
- PC Secretary with the help of Jane Lorentzen interviewed 4 of the 5 known STR owners, to learn more about their operations and the different kinds of STRs in the township
- July 2021. The chair, Mark McCaughtry, created the first rough draft of an ordinance and guidance for STR house rules. There was public discussion of the draft at the July meeting. Additional complaint documentation was submitted.

- July, 2021. The PC submitted a revised draft, documentation of the public complaints and a set of key questions to the Town Board for legal review.

November, 2021 STR Moratorium was extended up to an additional 18 months, as needed.

- PC sent an update in December, responding to request from the board for additional information on current STRs.
- The attorney sent a cease and desist letter to Grenseth.
- December, 2021. Chair Hruska submitted a timeline to the Town Board for STR ordinance implementation.
- In December, 2021, the PC reviewed existing opportunities for home based business under the current ordinance, and other opportunities for rental, legal in FT.
- February, 2022. Legal advisory and attorney redraft of the ordinance was received and reviewed by the planning commissioners.
- March, 2021. The PC sets public hearing for April 11 PC meeting. The original draft and the attorney's rewrite go up onto the website.
- April, 2022. Public Hearing on STRs. Throughout the last year, public comments have been summarized in the minutes and written comments have been collected and entered into the record.
- May, 2022. A charted summary of written comments is available; with an update on currently advertising STRs. A Community Values Clarification survey has been prepared for the May Meeting. The PC will discuss the points of difference.