
COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR PROPOSED RULE REVISIONS:

PROPOSED REVISION OF

CHAPTER 2 AND CHAPTER 10 – SHORT-TERM RENTALS

The following pages include the written comments submitted between June 4, 2025 and July 21, 2025 regarding the Chapter 2 and Chapter 10 Short-term Rental rulemaking.

Rebuttal Comments: The deadline for submissions in rebuttal to these comments is **August 4, 2025**. Rebuttal comments may be sent to tim.carr@maine.gov or by postal mail to: Maine Land Use Planning Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0022.

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Subject: Short term rentals

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Dear Tim

My husband and I are retired state workers with 87 years of combined service.

Unfortunately we worked during a time when salaries were low most of our service years were below \$20,000 per year thereby making our retirements small but we are grateful for a recent small rise from the WEP removal and social security just this year!

Recently our lake camp was re- evaluated, this scares us as our tax bill may be increased beyond what we can afford. We purchased this lot for \$5,000 and built with mostly second hand Materials & damaged building material for everything even the siding was removed from our local church destined to be torn down.

We understand that people from away are investing in property to rent and driving up the cost for local people to buy driving up all costs.

Our take on this issue is it is sad that hardworking Mainers can not afford a camp even if they build it themselves. If the state raise taxes We may have to consider renting....

But we would rather not -as our grandkids great nieces and nephews enjoy swimming there and since there is not many recreations for kids in Washington County we do not want to rent.

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Another consideration there is no chain motel in all of the county.

So there most likely is a need for rentals.

Finally, many years ago the Danforth Wind turbines got a TIF break -From the state and it was suppose to build businesses in lieu of property tax.

I can not see where this has happened or helped here in Washington County.

Can you validate the would have been collected tax to the returns for this TIF from these turbines?

I would appreciate a response to this.

Meanwhile we think the rental proposal should be on a county by county basis.- not statewide Thank you for taking time to read our opinion.

The Emersons