







#### General Policy Committee – 170143B

# Short-term Vacation Rentals August 24, 2017



# Short-term Vacation Rentals

- What are short-term vacation rentals?
- Legal considerations
- Local overview



# **State Preemption**

- Vacation Rental Individual or collective condominium,cooperative,1-4 family dwelling unit that is: 1) rented more than 3 times per year for periods less than 30 days, OR 2) advertised as rented to guests.
- CANNOT: Prohibit or regulate duration or frequency of vacation rentals.
- CAN: Regulate safety, garbage, parking, noise, occupancy limit, bedroom limit, registration/permit program, etc.



# **Gainesville Policy**

- Due to state preemption, short-term rentals are generally considered similarly to other residential rental types.
- Landlord permit may pertain to some short-term rental properties.
- Existing nuisance, safety, and property maintenance regulations can be enforced.

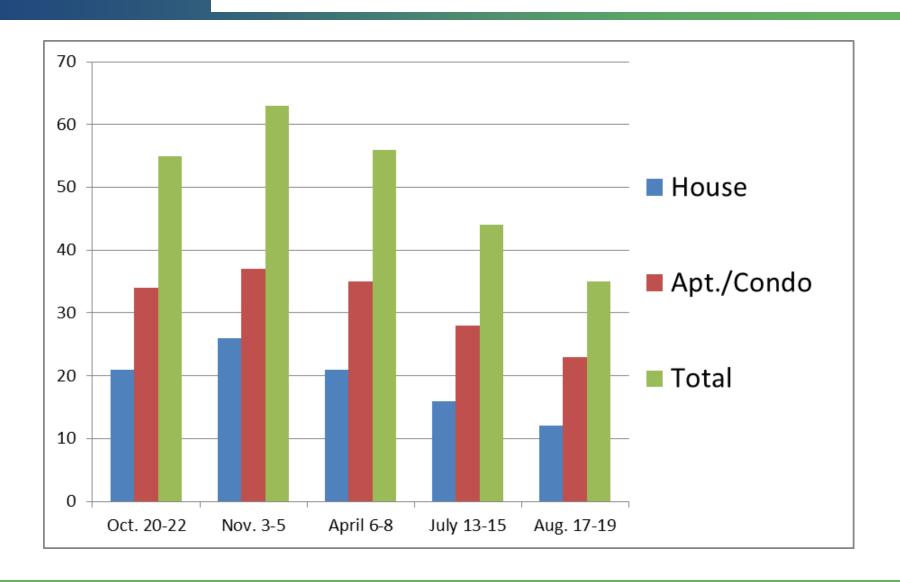


#### **Short-term Vacation Rental Websites**

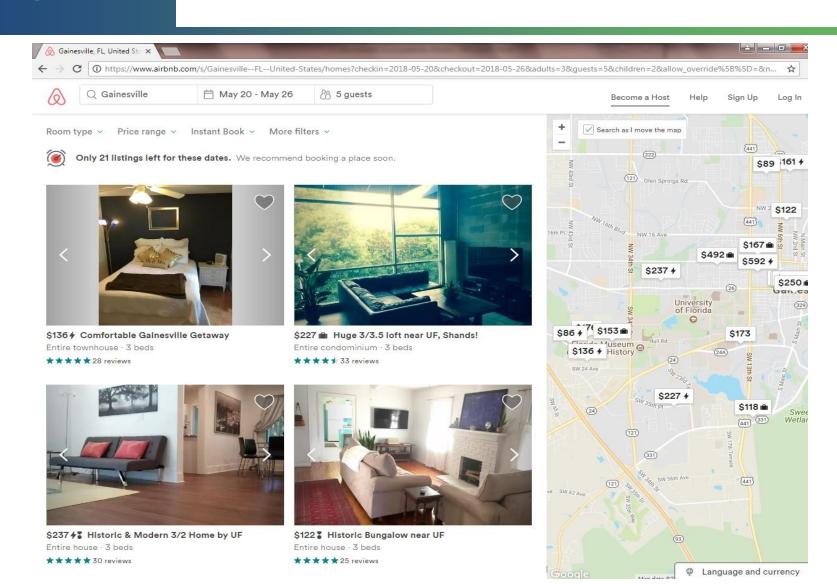
- Three websites account for approximately 70% of online traffic for short-term vacation rentals:
  - AirBnb.com
  - HomeAway.com (VRBO.com & Vacation Rentals.com)
  - TripAdvisor.com (FlipKey.com)



### Data on Availability (Oct. 2017 – Aug. 2018)

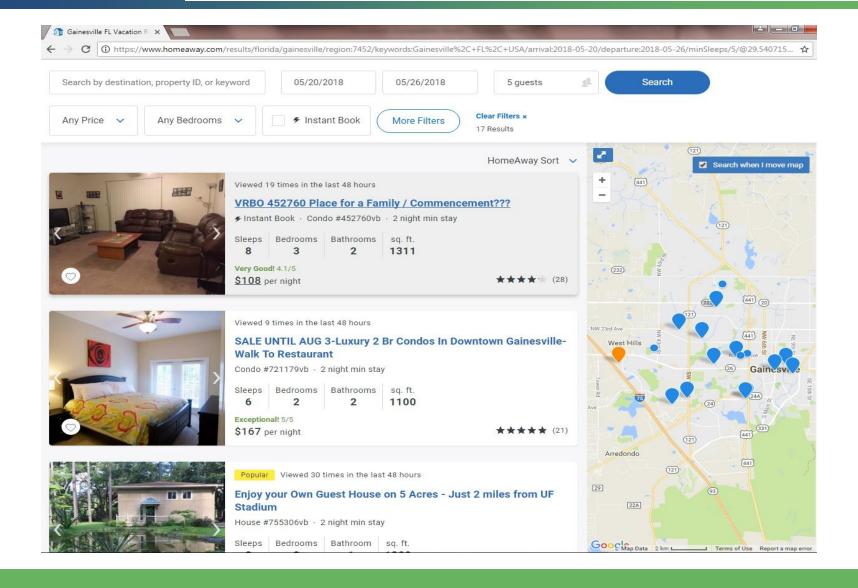






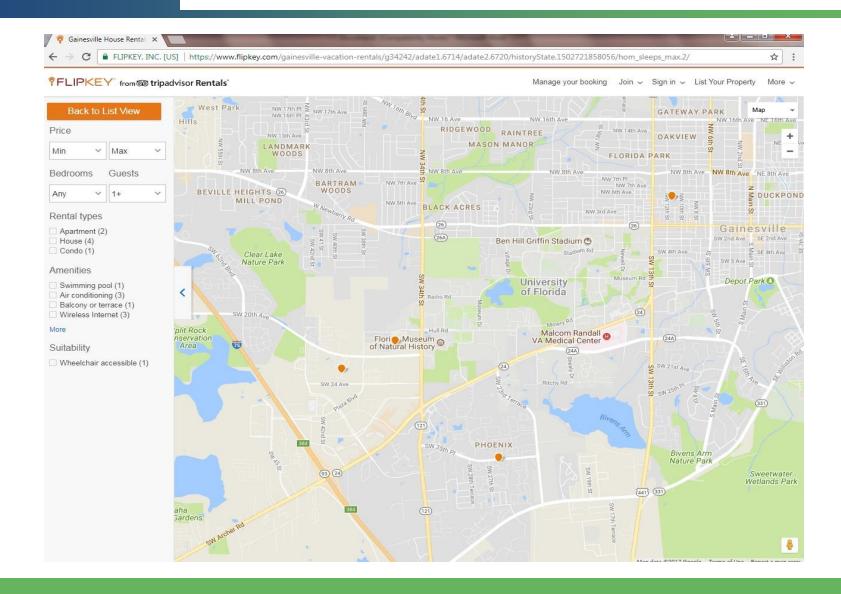


# GAINE VILLE HomeAway.com





# GAINE VILLE TripAdvisor.com (FlipKey.com)





# **Issue Request**

- Staff has received three issue requests to inspect short-term rental properties:
  - SW Condo noise
  - College Park parking, noise, landlord permit, and occupancy (one property)
  - NW 16<sup>th</sup> Ave / NW 25<sup>th</sup> Terrace noise
- Common issues that may arise
  - Nuisance noise, parking, and debris
  - Occupancy/over occupancy
  - Property use outside of the character of the surrounding properties
  - Safety capacity issues, life safety equipment, etc.