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AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5 (Action Item – Public Hearing)

**PLANNING COMMISSION
 MEETING DATE:** May 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Non-Hosted Short-Term Rental Permit No. 2018-18/Seiter

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant has applied for a non-hosted short term vacation rental permit, located at 155 N. Mt. Whitney Drive, in Lone Pine. This permit is required for the applicant to begin renting residential space for periods of 30-days or less, and to achieve compliance with Inyo County Code Chapter 18.73.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Supervisory District: 5

Project Applicant: Marian Seiter

Site Address: 155 N. Mt. Whitney Ave., Lone Pine, CA 93545

Community: Lone Pine, CA

A.P.N.: 005-073-05

General Plan: Residential Medium Density (RM)

Zoning: Single Residential OR Mobile Home combined

Size of Parcel: 0.17 acres

SURROUNDING LAND USE:

Location:	Use:	Gen. Plan Designation	Zoning
Site	Developed	Residential Medium Density (RM)	Single Residence/Mobile home combined-5,800 sq ft ² min (RMH)
North	Developed	Residential Medium Density (RM)	Single Residence/Mobile home combined-5,800 sq ft ² min (RMH)
East	Developed	Residential Medium Density (RM)	Single Residence/Mobile home combined-10,000 sq ft ² min (RMH)
South	Developed	Residential Medium-High Density (RMH)	Single Residence/Mobile home combined-5,800 sq ft ² min (RMH)

West	Undeveloped	Residential Low Density (RL)	Single Residence/Mobile home combined-10,000 sq ft ² min (RMH)
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Staff Recommended Action: 1.) Approve the Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit 2018-18/Seiter

Alternatives:

- 1.) Deny the Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit
- 2.) Approve the Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit with additional conditions of approval
- 3.) Continue the public hearing to a future date, and provide specific direction to staff regarding what additional information and analysis is needed.

Project Planner: Steve Karamitros

STAFF ANALYSIS

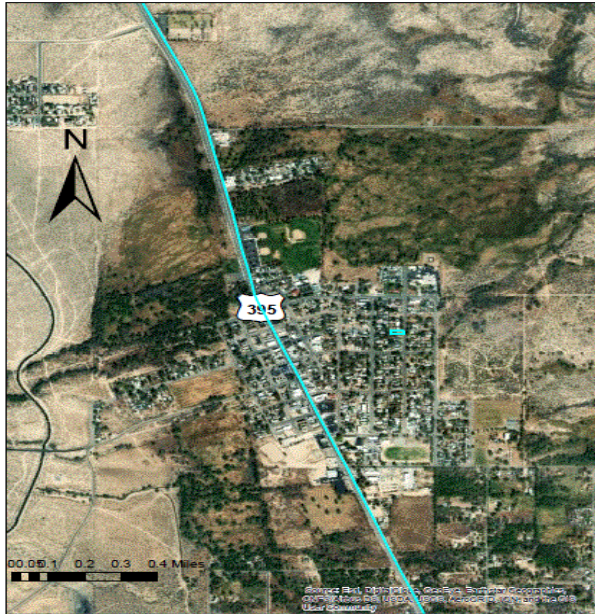
Background and Overview

The applicant has applied for and received a Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit from the Inyo Planning Department, for the residence located at 155 N. Mt. Whitney Dr., in Lone Pine. This is a primary residence where the applicants live full time. The applicants have also applied for Non Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental for the accessory dwelling unit, approximately 512 ft², located behind the primary residence. This structure was built in compliance with the standards set by the Inyo County Building and Safety Department and the Inyo County Environmental Health Department.

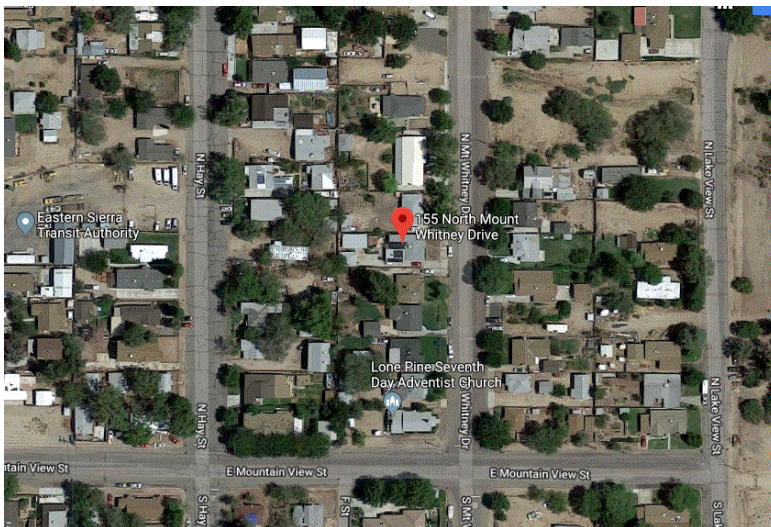
The proposed application for a Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit aligns with Inyo County Code Section 18.73-*Short-Term Rental of Residential Property*, which allows for the rental of dwelling units where the owner of the dwelling unit does not concurrently occupy the dwelling unit with the transient lodger. The application for this non-hosted rental has met the requirements of the Inyo County Planning Department and, per County Code Section 18.73.060, now requires that the Inyo County Planning Commission give final approval in order to issue the Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit.

The residence is in a location surrounded by residential housing to the north, south, east and west, which are privately owned. The residence is located in Lone Pine, California.

Vicinity Location Map



Residential location for non-hosted rental



General Plan Consistency

The goal of this review is to allow the applicant to rent residential space in compliance with the County's zoning ordinance. The project is consistent with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, which was added as Chapter 18.73 of the Inyo County Code, following approval by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors on February 20, 2018. This use will not conflict with the General Plan designation of Residential Medium Density (RM) as it does not change the size or density of the residential development currently on the site and in the General Plan.

Zoning Ordinance Consistency

The applicant's residence is zoned Single Residence OR Mobile home combined (RMH), which is defined as an eligible zoning area for short term rentals. The current use will not change and therefore remains consistent with the current zoning ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

As per Section Two of the approved County Ordinance (Chapter 18.73), the Non-Hosted Short-Term Rental Permit 2018-18/Seiter was reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA guidelines, and the County's environmental procedures, and was found to be exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (general rule) of the CEQA guidelines, as it constitutes an extension of residential use, with no new development, and can be seen with certainty that there will be no significant effect on the environment.

Residents within 300 feet of the proposed rental were notified that an application for short-term rental was being submitted. These residents were notified following approval of the Hosted Short Term Rental permit and no complaints were filed. Inyo County staff noticed these residents regarding the public hearing date. Public notification of the hearing date was published in the Inyo Register on May 4, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning Department staff recommends the approval of Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit 2018-18/Seiter, with the following Findings and Conditions of Approval:

FINDINGS:

1. The proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit is exempted from further CEQA review, and the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act have been satisfied.
[Evidence: Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (general rule) of the CEQA guidelines, the proposed permit application constitutes an extension of residential use and can be seen with certainty that there will be no significant effect on the environment.]
2. The proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit is consistent with the Inyo County General Plan Land Use Designation of Residential Medium Density (RM).
[Evidence: The proposed project is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan's Land Use designation of Residential Medium Density, which allows for 4.6 – 7.5 dwelling units per acre. The applicant's proposal is to have one dwelling unit for rent on a 0.17 acre parcel, which is consistent with Inyo County's General Plan designation for this property.]
3. The proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit is consistent with the Inyo County Zoning Ordinance.
[Evidence: The approved ordinance of Short-Term Rentals (Transient Occupancy – a rental for 30-Days or less), as adopted by the Board of Supervisors on February 20, 2018, allows for the short-term rental of residential dwellings in the Zoning Districts of: One Family Residential (R1), Single Residence and Mobile Home Combined (RMH), Rural Residential (RR), Rural Residential Starlite Estates (RR- Starlite), and the Open Space Zone (OS). The applicant's property is zoned Single Residence or Mobile Home Combined and is therefore consistent with Inyo County's zoning ordinance.]
4. The proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit is necessary or desirable.
[Evidence: With the proliferation of Short-Term Vacation Rentals through on-line hosts, such as Air B&B, etc., the Board of Supervisors found it necessary and desirable to create an ordinance that regulated transient occupancy. In 2006 the Board of Supervisors approved with findings by Inyo County staff, related to transient occupancy, and issued a finding that stated "one family residential zone districts do not allow for short-term, transient accommodation uses as a primary permitted use, a conditional use or an accessory use; therefore, short-term transient accommodation uses in a one

family residence zones is in violation of the - One Family Zone District as set forth in the Inyo County Code Section 18.30.” This decision guided the Planning Department’s efforts in designing an ordinance for short-term vacation rentals in residentially zoned areas. The proposed non-hosted vacation rental permit application is consistent with the requirements stipulated in the short-term rental ordinance, as adopted by the Board of Supervisors in February 2018.]

5. The proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit is properly related to other uses and transportation and service facilities in the vicinity.

[Evidence: The proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit is properly related to transportation and service facilities and will not adversely affect these facilities. All completed applications for Hosted/Non-Hosted Short-Term Rental Permits require site plans that demonstrate the availability of on-site parking at the applicant’s residence. This will avoid burdens to Inyo County maintained roads, in this case N. Mt. Whitney Drive, in Lone Pine.]

6. The proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit would not under all the circumstances of this case, affect adversely the health or safety of persons living or working in the vicinity or be materially detrimental to the public welfare.

[The proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit does not adversely affect public health or safety of persons living in the vicinity. The Inyo County Public Health Department evaluated the application for sewer, septic, and water issues and found no problems with the application. The rental unit, a 512 ft² guest house, was evaluated by the County’s Building and Safety Department and no problems were identified.]

7. Operating requirements necessitate the proposed Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit for the site.

[Evidence: Use of the applicant’s property for non-hosted short-term rental requires the Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit, as per Chapter 18.73 of the Inyo County Code.]

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Hold Harmless

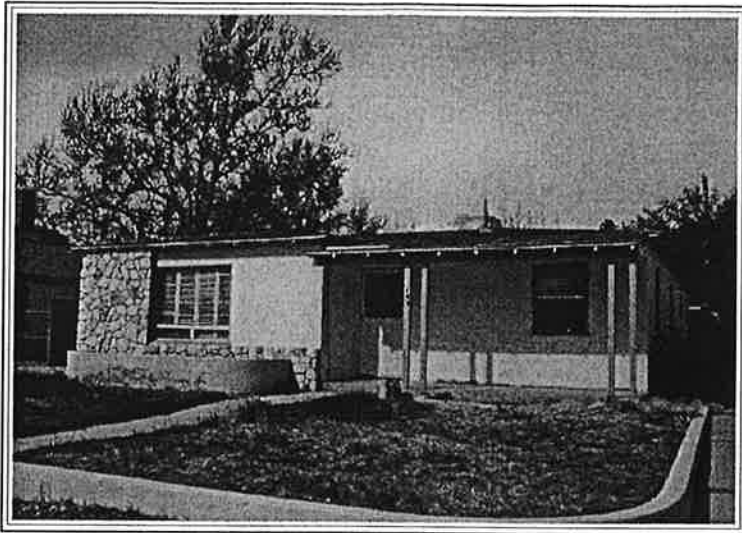
The applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Inyo County agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul an approval of the county, its advisory agencies, its appeals board, or legislative body concerning Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit No. 2018-18/ Seiter. The County reserves the right to prepare its own defense.

2. Compliance with County Code

The applicant shall conform to all applicable provisions of Inyo County Code. If the use provided by this Non-Hosted Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit is not established within one year of the approval date it will be become void.

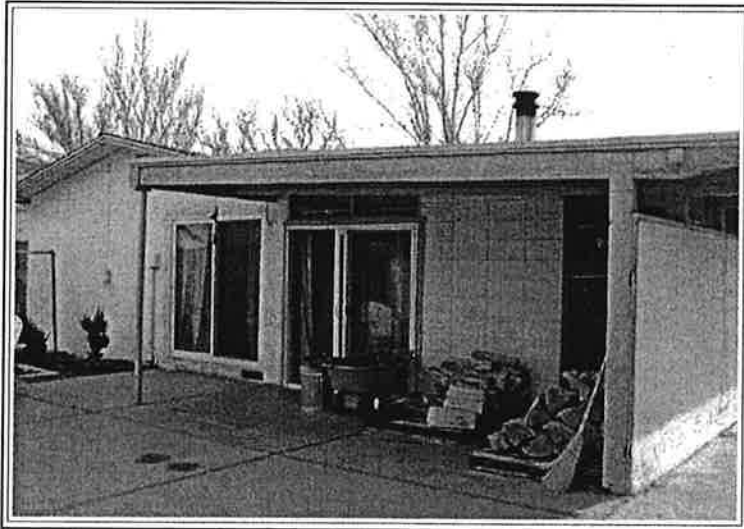
SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTO ADDENDUM

Borrower: SEITER, MARIAN	File No.: .55NMOUNTWHITNEYDR	
Property Address: 155 N. MT. WHITNEY DRIVE	Case No.:	
City: LONE PINE	State: CA	Zip: 93545
Lender: ALTA ONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION		

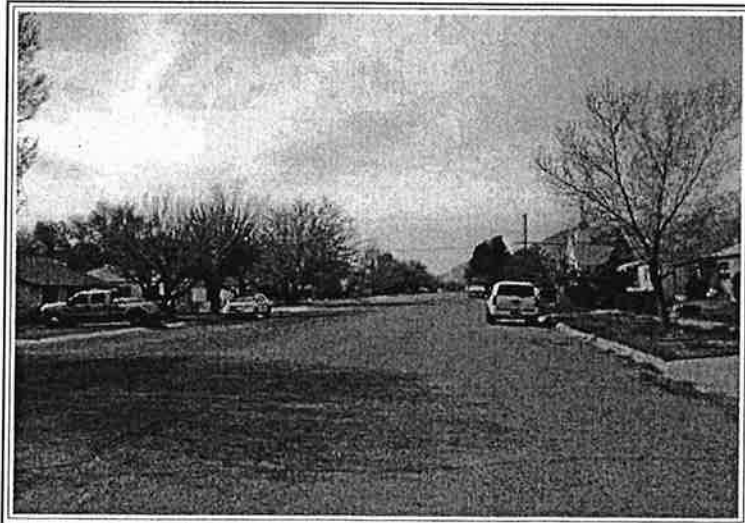


FRONT VIEW OF
SUBJECT PROPERTY

Appraised Date: April 11, 2011
Appraised Value: \$ 195,000



REAR VIEW OF
SUBJECT PROPERTY



STREET SCENE

Short Term Rental Agreement

155 N. Mt. Whitney Drive and 157 N. Mt. Whitney Drive, Lone Pine

Welcome to your new studio while you visit our beautiful area. Owner, Marian Seiter is available at all times to answer questions and make suggestions on things to do in our area. She lives in the main house on the property and you are welcome to knock on the kitchen door located on the driveway side of the house.

To keep this property environmentally safe and in compliance with Inyo County rules of occupancy for a non-hosted rental, please respect and adhere to the following:

- 1. No pesticides of any kind may be used inside or outside unit.**
- 2. No Smoking allowed. No pets allowed.**
- 3. Garbage containers are located on the driveway. Please use the blue bins for recycling glass, cans, and plastic. All other garbage place in Preferred Disposal bin.**
- 4. Outdoor fires are prohibited.**
- 5. Outdoor amplified sound is prohibited.**
- 6. Quiet hours shall be from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.**
- 7. Use of outdoor spa is prohibited.**
- 8. Kitchen with refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, coffee machine, cooking utensils and plate ware. Bathroom with shower/tub, includes linens, and towels provided. WiFi available. Fire extinguisher, CO detector and smoke detector located in kitchen.**
- 9. Check in time: 3:00 p.m. Check out time 12:00 p.m.**
- 10. Late check is possible. Please notify Marian and a key will be located in box on the Studio next to front door.**
- 11. Code Chapter 3.2.0 Transient Occupancy Tax ID number _____**

Contact Information

Owner, Marian Seiter 760-937-0932 lives in main house on property

Secondary contact: Ash Seiter 808-782-7566

Main House: 155 N. Mt. Whitney Drive, Lone Pine, CA 93545

Studio address: 157 N. Mt. Whitney Drive, Lone Pine, CA 93545

Emergency dial 911 for ambulance or in case of fire.