

From: [DARLENE MORGAN](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]TPA tax
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 6:01:10 AM

I oppose the TPA tax. My name is Darlene Morgan. My husband, Earl, and I have a license to rent a bedroom in our home as Airbnb hosts. Our address is as follows:

2948 Dogwood Drive South
Salem, OR 97302

Thank you for considering my vote. We have been Airbnb hosts for 11 plus years. We offer an affordable stay in this age of high prices. As private citizens we are opening our home to strangers and involving much more potential risk than other lodging venues such as hotels. We provide recommendations for restaurants, activities, highlights of our city, etc. We share a variety of printed materials such as brochures of the area and answer our guests' questions. We don't believe the TPA is necessary for us.

Respectfully,

Darlene Morgan

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From: [Judy Armstrong](#)
To: [Finance](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]TOURISM PROMOTION AREA TAX
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 2:58:20 PM

I oppose the 2% TPA tax.

Judy Armstrong
Myrtle Cottage
2340 Barberry St NW, Salem, OR 97304
Number of units - 1 Guesthouse

Thank you for your attention to this important email about additional taxes on my rental property.

Judy Armstrong
503.428.7648

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From: [Scott Snyder](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Cc: [Angie Villery](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]City Council submission.docx
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 2:29:37 PM
Attachments: [City Council submission.docx](#)

Thank you for entering this in the information packet for consideration March 9, 2026.

Scott Snyder



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VIP'S Industries, the Parent company of The Grand Hotel in Salem

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March 5, 2026

RE: Agenda Item 26-53 STPA collections and Short-Term Rental operators

Dear Mayor Hoy and Salem City Council,

For the past 12-18 months, City Staff has worked diligently in conjunction with Travel Salem to identify and notify both National brands and local operators of VRBO's and Airbnb facilities to ensure they are not only collecting the 9% City and 1.5% State Transient Occupancy taxes, but also the City of Salem's 2% Salem Tourism Promotion Area or STPA. Short term rental options are a very popular choice for travelers for a variety of reasons.

The Salem Area Lodging Association strongly encourages your approval for the enforcement of these efforts. The STPA is used on behalf of lodging facilities throughout the city to help attract visitors to our community to enjoy activities, attractions and events occurring in and around Salem. The decision we are encouraging your support for is about equity, in the 5 plus years that hoteliers have assessed themselves a 2% fee to promote the City of Salem and surrounding attractions through the DMMO, Travel Salem; hotels, motels, short-term rentals have all benefited from the targeted promotion afforded by that fee. It is critical that all benefactors should be contributing to the fund including all Vacation Rentals by Owner.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Snyder
Salem Area Lodging Association Chair Person

From: [Daniel Tibbs](#)
To: [Finance](#)
Cc: [Andrew Tibbs](#); [Lisa Tibbs](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]2% TPA Tax Vote
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 11:45:32 AM

I oppose the 2% TPA tax.

Daniel L. Tibbs
STR Address: 1363 Plaza NW, Salem, OR 97304
1 Unit

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From: [Brandon Fahlman](#)
To: [Finance](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]2% TPA Tax Voting
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 10:20:31 AM
Attachments: [No on TPA Tax.pdf](#)

Please see the attached document.

Thanks!

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March 5, 2026

Salem City Council

% Finance Department
555 Liberty St SE, Room 230
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Councilors,

I, Brandon Fahlman, object to the continuation of the Salem Tourism Promotion Area. I oppose the 2% TPA tax.

Current Units Operated in Salem:

- (1) 1012 3rd St NW, Salem, OR 97304 (License 26 100656 00 MF)
- (2) 795 Church St SE, Salem, OR 97301 (License 26 100592 00 MF)
- (3) 1780 Winter St NE, Condo 101, Salem, OR 97301 (License 26 100519 00 MF)
- (4) 1780 Winter St NE, Condo 102, Salem, OR 97301 (License 26 100919 00 MF)
- (5) 1780 Winter St NE, Condo 103, Salem, OR 97301 (License 26 100397 00 MF)
- (6) 1780 Winter St NE, Condo 202, Salem, OR 97301 (License 26 100520 00 MF)

I cast my 6 votes in objection against the continuation of the Salem Tourism Promotion Area, evidenced by the above units.

Sincerely,

Brandon Fahlman

From: [Jeff Whittaker](#)
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]2% STR tax
Date: Friday, March 6, 2026 10:16:00 AM

As a resident of Salem continuing to impose new taxes no matter the amount is sending the wrong message to those considering short term rentals, relocating to our city or state. STR's do not impact hotel's revenues. Most short term rentalers are looking for safe and affordable housing for a month at a time.

We already have some of the highest property taxes in Oregon. Enough is enough!

I strongly recommend to vote no on this new tax proposal.

Jeff Whittaker

SE Salem

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