



Suggested Additions/Changes to Langley City Policies

Source	<i>Person or group making the suggestion.</i>
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Description	<i>Give a brief description of the policy issue including, if known, what policies or regulations you would like to see changed.</i>
	<u>See Attached</u>
Goal	<i>What do you hope this change will achieve? What is the goal or intent for making this change?</i>
	<u>See Attached</u>

Please submit your completed form to one of the following Policy Process Coordinators by email, dropping it off at Langley city hall during business hours, or via mail (City of Langley, PO Box 366, Langley, WA 98260):

- **Robert Gilman**, Mayor Pro Tem (rgilman@context.org)
- **Larry Cort**, Director of Community Planning (landuse@langleywa.org),
- **Debbie Mahler**, Clerk/Treasurer (clerk@langleywa.org), or
- **Jim Sundberg**, Chair of the Planning Advisory Board (sundberg@whidbey.com)

Thank you for suggesting this policy change! Suggestions are reviewed by the Policy Process Coordination team on a regular basis and brought to a council meeting for prioritization and possible work assignment.

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May I suggest an amendment to the Zoning Code?

Section 18.01.040 Definitions includes the following paragraph:
"Tourist Accommodations - Commercial" means a dwelling unit serving as a single rental for periods not exceeding twenty-nine (29) consecutive days and containing sleeping and cooking facilities.

Fred Evander, Community Planner, stated that the City interprets this paragraph to mean residential properties are not permitted to rent for a period less than a month.

My suggestion is to change the "twenty-nine (29) consecutive days" to six (6) consecutive days. This would allow one to rent a house by the week as well as by the month.

Why the Council should adopt the amendment:

1. Langley's primary industry is tourism, therefore, the town should do all they can to accommodate the tourists.
2. There would be a demand for weekly residential rentals, where the demand for a monthly rental would be rare.
3. A residential weekly rental could accommodate a family at a more reasonable rate than hotels or B&Bs.
4. Many people, like myself, own a vacation home on the Island. The economic situation is forcing many of us to rent out our vacation home. We don't want to rent our home for a long term because we like to use it occasionally and, also, we want to make sure the property is kept up.
5. The biggest reason for supporting the amendment is the amendment would not violate any of the purposes of the Zoning Code as stated in Section 18.01.010.

I can see no negative effect from adopting the amendment.

Sincerely,

Harve Harrison

P.S. I have a background in Municipal Government including 16 years as the Mayor of Edmonds, 8 years as a Councilman of Edmonds and 5 years as the Building Official of Lake Forrest Park.

And a BA Degree in Political Science from Univ. of Wash.

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