# Where does an overnight visitor sleep in your community?

## College of Charleston

Riley Center for Livable Communities and the Office of Tourism Analysis

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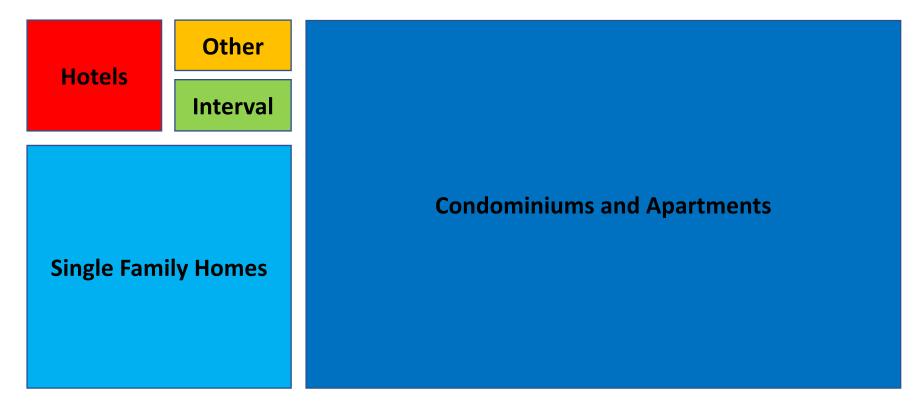
## The Convergence of Housing & Tourism

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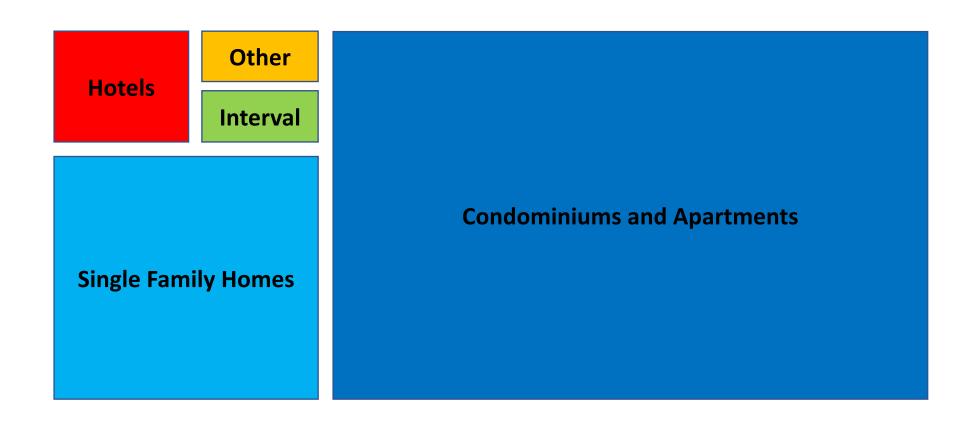
# Where does a *paying* overnight visitor sleep in your community?

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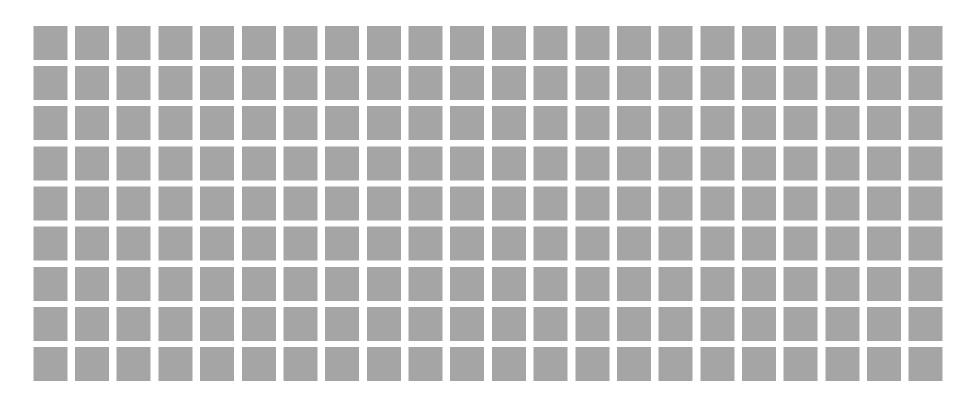
Residential housing (single family homes, condominiums and apartments) represent the largest and most dynamic source of transient inventory in a destination.



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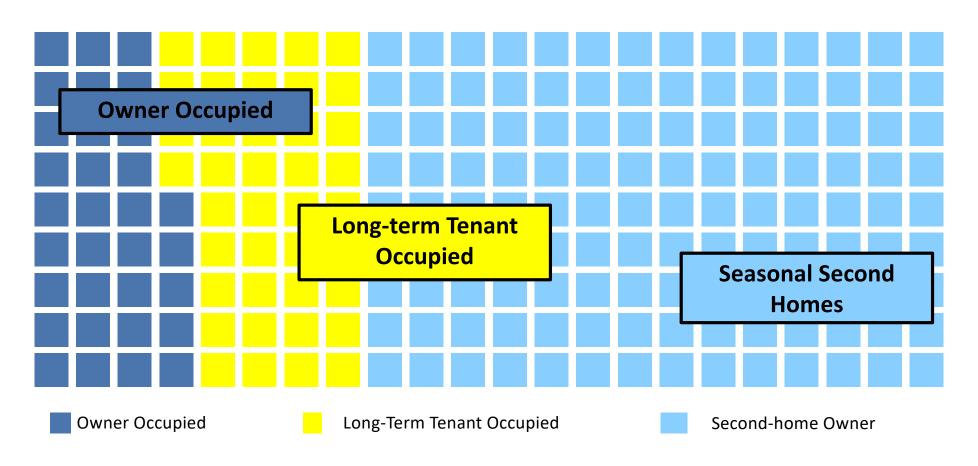


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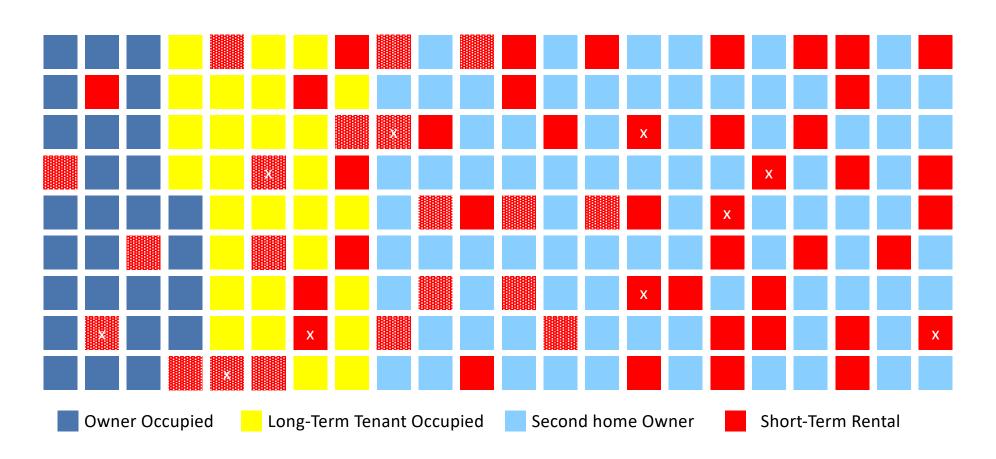


Blocks represent the total housing inventory in a destination, jurisdiction, neighborhood, or zone.

#### What is the housing mix for your community?



#### Where do short-term rentals come from in the housing mix?



## Sabbatical Research Study

Benchmark Study of Mountain Ski Towns

#### Primary Goals of the Research

- 1. Comparative study of benchmark mountain destinations
- 2. Document requirements for operating residential nightly rentals;
- 3. Identify the current housing mix usage for these jurisdictions;
- 4. Develop a housing fact-base for the Town of Vail, CO using existing data sources.

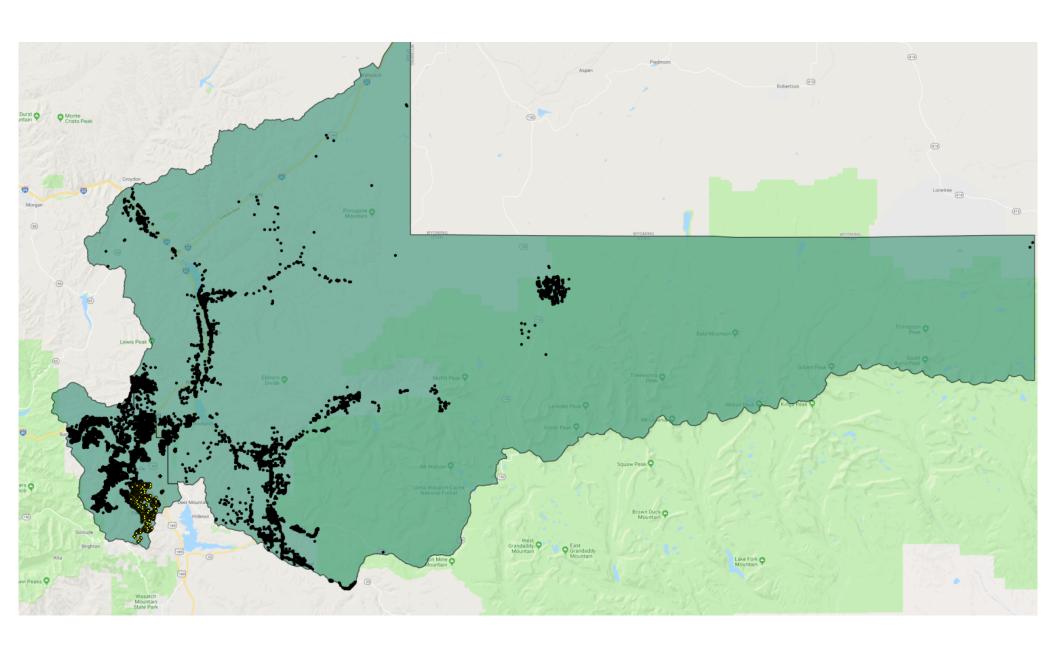
| Municipality                    | Zoning | Life Safety | Public<br>Notice | НОА | Тах | Business<br>License | Permit | Education | Quality | Fees    |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------------|------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|
| City of Aspen                   |        |             |                  | Х   | Х   | Х                   | х      | Х         |         | \$150 + |
| Town of Breckenridge            | Х      |             |                  |     | Х   | Х                   | Х      |           |         | \$75 +  |
| Town of Crested Butte           | Х      |             |                  |     | Х   | X                   |        |           |         | \$10 +  |
| City of Durango                 | х      | X           | х                |     | Х   | x                   | x      | Х         |         | \$750 + |
| Town of Jackson                 | Х      | Х           | х                | Х   | Х   | x                   |        | Х         |         | \$37 +  |
| Park City Municipal Corporation | Х      | Х           |                  |     | Х   | Х                   |        | Х         |         | \$149 + |
| City of South Lake Tahoe        | Х      | Х           | Х                |     | Х   | Х                   | Х      | Х         |         | \$545 + |
| City of Steamboat Springs       | Х      |             |                  | Х   | Х   | Х                   | х      |           |         | \$500 + |
|                                 | Х      |             |                  |     | X   | Х                   |        |           |         | \$187 + |
| Town of Telluride  Town of Vail |        |             |                  |     | Х   | х                   |        |           | Х       | \$162 + |

| Municipality                    | Total<br>Housing<br>Units | Owner<br>Occupied<br>Units | Renter<br>Occupied<br>Units | Vacant<br>Housing<br>Units | Percentage of Vacant Units |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Town of Breckenridge            | 7,146                     | 1,017                      | 937                         | 5,128                      | 71.7%                      |
| Park City Municipal Corporation | 10,715                    | 1,835                      | 1,274                       | 7,607                      | 71.0%                      |
| Town of Vail                    | 7,366                     | 1,223                      | 1,493                       | 4,649                      | 63.1%                      |
| Town of Telluride               | 2,145                     | 464                        | 616                         | 1,065                      | 49.6%                      |
| City of Steamboat Springs       | 10,308                    | 3,386                      | 2,036                       | 4,886                      | 47.4%                      |
| City of Aspen                   | 6,364                     | 1,899                      | 1,816                       | 2,649                      | 41.6%                      |
| City of South Lake Tahoe        | 16,602                    | 3,722                      | 6,091                       | 6,789                      | 40.9%                      |
| Town of Crested Butte           | 1,090                     | 372                        | 353                         | 344                        | 31.6%                      |
| Town of Jackson                 | 4,758                     | 1,526                      | 2,370                       | 862                        | 18.1%                      |
| City of Durango                 | 8,482                     | 3,560                      | 4,046                       | 876                        | 10.3%                      |

The most important need is to create a fact-based understanding of the housing mix usage in a market. This fact-based program could then be used to inform policy, ordinances and the desired use of housing while protecting and enforcing zoning, ordinances, and the unique vision of of the communities that make up a market.

## A Collaborative Approach

The theoretical framework for addressing the convergence of housing and tourism.



Shared Interest in the Convergence of Housing & Tourism



## Situation Analysis

City of Folly Beach, South Carolina

#### City Council Concerns around STR Compliance

- Revenue about collecting appropriate taxes;
- Fairness concerns that properties were operating on a level playing field as it relates to business license and nightly rental registration requirements
- Resident concerns that owners were appropriately advertising and monitoring rentals.

#### Zoning

• The City allows short term rentals in all zoning districts, with the goal of regulating their potential externalities (noise, trash, events, turtle lighting) rather than limiting their scope

#### Short-term Rental Operating Requirements

- All rentals (short and long term) must have a business license: City contracts with Charleston County to renew; first license must be done in City Hall, renewals online through the County;
- Short term rentals must complete rental registration form local contact, fee, info about the rental (parking, bedrooms, manager, etc);
- Must post rules and occupancy in the home

## The Case of Folly Beach

An application of the Collaborative Approach

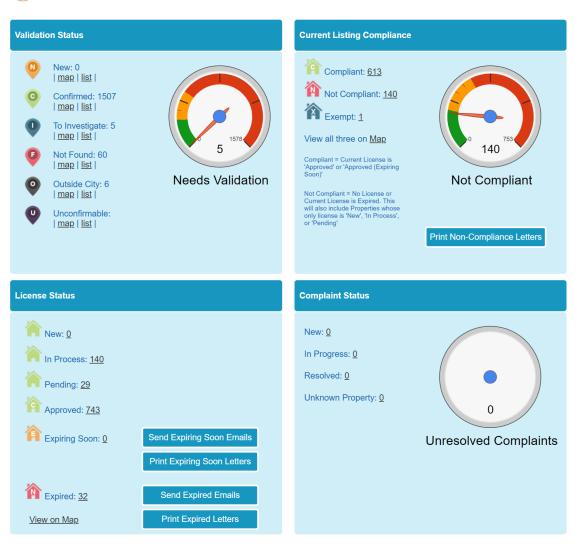
#### Overview of the Project

- Collaboration between City | County | Destination Marketing Office
  - City of Folly Beach
  - Charleston County
  - Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (CACVB)
- Administered as a grant with College of Charleston's
  - Riley Center for Livable Communities
  - Office of Tourism Analysis
- Focused on
  - Identification of all nightly rentals in the City (software solution called STR Helper)
  - Reconciliation of City registrations with County licenses
  - Assist in annual renewal process
  - Bring properties into compliance

### STR Helper

• Dashboard





#### 2017 Year End License Status

| License Status                             | Count |  |
|--|-------|--|
| Fully Compliant                            | 576   |  |
| Missing Folly Beach Registration           | 114   |  |
| Missing Charleston County Business License | 68    |  |
| No Compliance                              | 117   |  |
| Total Properties                           | 875   |  |

#### 2018 License Status

| License Status                         | Count               |    |
|--|---------------------|----|
| Fully Compliant                        | 743                 |    |
| Missing Folly Beach Reg                | 140                 |    |
| Missing Charleston Cou                 | 29                  |    |
| Outdated Compliance (Expired 12/31/17) | Expired BL & Reg.   | 10 |
|  | Expired Reg, No BL  | 2  |
|  | Expired BL, No Reg. | 3  |
| No Compliance (2017 o                  | 106                 |    |
| <b>Total Properties</b>                | 1,033               |    |

### 2018 License Status & Listing Activity

| License Status                             |                     | No Active<br>Listings | Active<br>Listings | Total |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Fully Compliant                            |                     | 131                   | 612                | 743   |
| Missing Folly Beach Reg                    | 99                  | 41                    | 140                |       |
| Missing Charleston County Business License |                     | 10                    | 19                 | 29    |
| Outdated Compliance<br>(Expired 12/31/17)  | Expired BL & Reg.   | 0                     | 10                 | 10    |
|  | Expired Reg, No BL  | 0                     | 2                  | 2     |
|  | Expired BL, No Reg. | 0                     | 3                  | 3     |
| No Compliance (2017 or 2018)               |                     | 40                    | 66                 | 106   |
| Total Properties                           |                     | 280                   | 753                | 1,033 |

#### Future Project Focus

#### **City of Folly Beach**

- Continue monitoring compliance
- Move to Online Registrations and Renewals
- Streamline Business Processes
- Incorporate new ordinance requirements
- Monitor the online ads
  - Prohibit Events
  - Occupancy Limits (2 per bed +2)
  - Listings with business license number

#### My Research

- Collaborative Approach
- Creation of Housing Fact-base

## Thoughts & Discussion