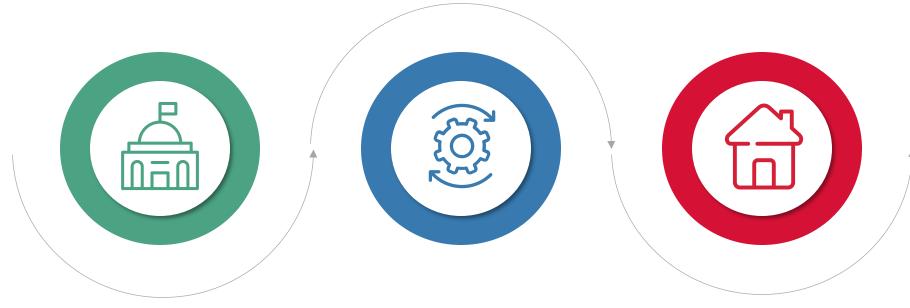


# Short-Term Rentals and Disaster Planning

What Local Governments Need to Know

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#### **Company Introduction**



# 6000+ Government Agencies

have chosen Granicus to modernize their online services, web presence, and communications strategies.

#### **Seamless Digital Solutions**

that help government to improve the customer experience, simplify/automate workflows, and enable strategic community development.

#### Short-Term Rental Software & Services

- Compliance and Monitoring Software
- Proprietary and Updated Data
- Consulting and Advising Services



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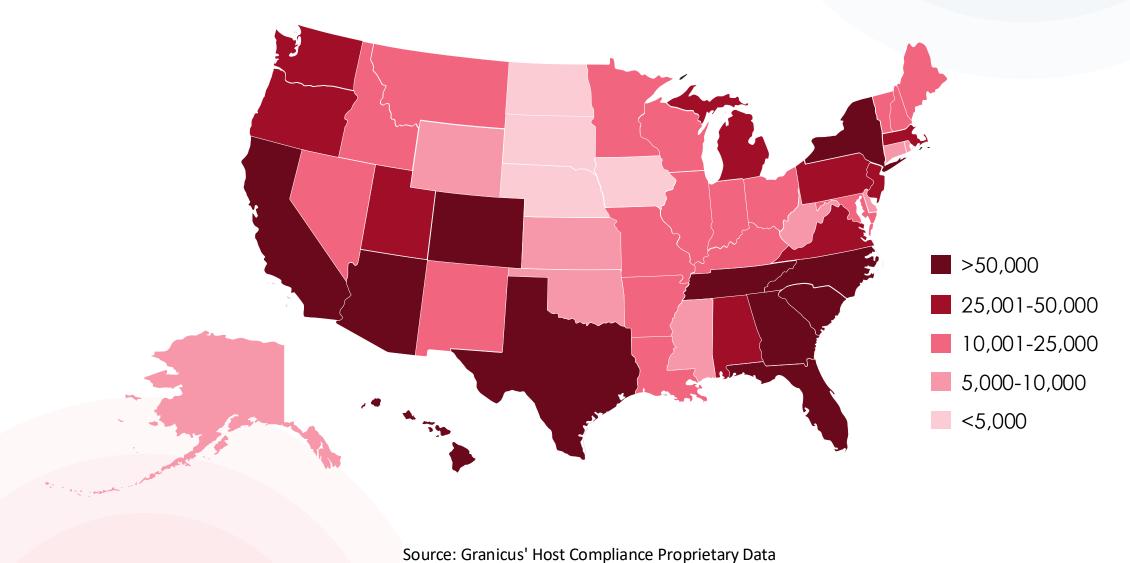
# ≅ Apartments, Rooms & Homes for Rent

#### What is a short-term rental?

Rental of a residential dwelling unit usually for periods of **less than a month.** Commonly booked through one of the many online marketplaces available, such as Airbnb, VRBO, and others.



There are more than 2M STR listings in the U.S., representing 1.6M unique rental units





#### Concerns

#### Shock Doctrine narrative

- Who can rebuild?
- What can be/will be rebuilt?
- How long will it take?
- Units/land enticing opportunity for speculators

#### Insurance concerns

- Only wealthy/investors willing to assume risks
- Prohibitive costs to rebuilding lower-return units

#### Economic concerns

- Loss of main industry / jobs
- Tax revenue disruptions
- Shift away from diverse economy

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### **During Disasters**

- Need to communicate with hosts and guests
  - Lack of landlines / poor cell reception
  - Lack of transportation
  - Lack of local knowledge / evacuation routes
  - Inability to secure property
- All put both guests and first responders at risk
- Need for temporary housing for evacuation and first responders
- Airbnb's refund policy specifically excludes hurricanes in Florida because they are 'common enough to be foreseeable'.



#### Post-Hurricane

#### Puerto Rico

- Act 20 & 22 provide huge incentives for high-net-worth individuals
- Post-Hurricane María:
  - For every 10% increase in the total number of units dedicated to short-term rentals in a neighborhood:
    - ✓ Median rents increase by at least 5%
    - ✓ Unit purchase price (in dollars per square foot) increases by 23%
    - ✓ Sales volume in a neighborhood increases by 1%
  - Average daily created Airbnb listings increased between 22% and 31%

Sanibel Island, FL - 50% drop in number of STRs

New Orleans – Greatest growth in STRs in neighborhoods with lower return rates



#### **Post-Fire**

According to Forestry Service surveys, about 50% of burned homes were rebuilt within 5 years

The number of buildings inside fire perimeters within 5 years post-fire was greater than pre-fire meaning:

- ✓ homeowners are willing to face wildfire risks
- ✓ homeowners are unaware of wildfire risks
- economic incentives to rebuild in the same place outweigh perceived risks



#### 2018 Camp Fire

- Destroyed nearly 19,000 structures
- 30% of properties sold in Paradise went for less than their assessed value
- Paradise rebuilds itself:
  - 71% of people who purchased parcels in the town of Paradise had a Butte County mailing address
  - Infrastructure damage and insurance issues dissuaded large buyers
- 2017 Tubbs fire 40% of homeowners didn't rebuild, just chose to sell



#### 2023 Lahaina Fire

Gov. Green emergency order:

- banned unsolicited offers
- considered moratorium on land sales
- offered creation of state land trust



Honolulu temporarily ends STR ban outside resort areas

End of state preemption – Maui moves same day to restrict STRs on Minatoya List Change would increase Maui's long-term residential housing stock by 13%

Creation of Lahaina Community Land Trust (LCLT)

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# Applications – Emergency Planning

- STR Registration
- Host contact list
- Preemptive cancellation orders
- Reverse 911 plan
- Emergency signage
- Evacuation transportation



#### **Applications – Housing Planning**

- Identify key housing assets
  - Affordable areas
  - Types and characteristics of units
- Determine appropriate anti-speculation measures
- Develop STR-based temporary housing plan
- Consider alternative ownership models like CLTs
- Upzoning incentive shock doctrine



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### Questions?



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**Poll:** Would you like a complimentary overview of the short-term rental market in your community?

- Yes
- No



Thank You!