

Poconos Municipal Candidate Survey

Vacation Rental Homes (VRHs) are a vital part of the Poconos economy, representing more than 6,500 properties across four counties (Wayne, Pike, Monroe and Carbon) and contributing an estimated \$3 billion annually to the region’s economy. VRHs generate millions in local tax revenue, support thousands of jobs in hospitality and property services, and drive spending at restaurants, shops, gas stations, and attractions. At the same time, they are often at the center of important community discussions around zoning, housing, and neighborhood impact.

To help voters make informed decisions about who will represent them in these policy discussions, we’re kindly asking you to complete this candidate survey. There are 12 questions about VRHs and 3 questions about other key issues, and the survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. We will publish responses for all candidates exactly as submitted and will note any non-responses to ensure transparency.

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Full Name *

Your answer

Municipality / Position you're running for *

Your answer



General Philosophy & Governance

What is your overall view of Vacation Rental Homes/Short-Term Rentals in your township/borough?

Your answer

Do you believe VRHs bring more benefits or more challenges to the community? Why?

Your answer

Policy & Regulation

Do you support allowing VRHs to operate *legally* with clear, reasonable rules?

Your answer

What types of ordinances (if any) do you believe are fair when it comes to occupancy limits, parking, noise, or zoning?

Your answer



Which enforcement approach do you support most for Vacation Rental Home compliance?

- Education-first with cure periods
- Immediate fines for violations
- Mixed approach (education for minor, fines for serious/repeat)
- Undecided
- Other:

Which primary occupancy standard for Vacation Rental Homes do you prefer?

- Fire/safety code and bedroom/egress-based
- Fixed township-wide headcount (e.g., X people/house)
- By square footage and septic capacity
- Undecided
- Other:

What is your preferred approach to manage neighborhood balance?

- Use laws (noise/parking/trash) + life-safety codes (no caps)
- Spacing/density rules by zoning district
- Seasonal (or total) caps on permits'
- Undecided
- Other:



Economic Impact

How do you view the economic contributions of VRHs (jobs, tourism spending, tax revenue) to the township?

Your answer

Do you believe VRHs help or hurt property values in our community? Why?

Your answer

If VRHs were to move out of your township/borough, how would you replace their current revenue?

Your answer

Future Vision

Do you believe VRHs can coexist successfully with traditional neighborhoods, and if so, how... or if not, why?

Your answer



What role do you see partnerships with organizations like Poconos VRO playing in creating fair, sustainable solutions?

Your answer

Other Issues Top-of-Mind for Voters

Large-format/industrial (warehouses, data centers) siting:

Do you support siting standards (zones, setbacks, noise limits, traffic impact mitigations, generator run-time rules) for warehouses/data centers?

- Yes
- No
- Other:

Public Safety Funding

What approach do you prefer for maintaining or improving police/EMS coverage?

- Regional partnerships to spread out the cost
- Permit / Use / Administrative fees
- Other:



Stormwater & MS4

Do you support dedicated, transparent funding (e.g., fee or project list) to meet MS4 stormwater mandates and priority drainage fixes?

- Yes
- No
- Other:

Transparency & Engagement:

Do you support publishing plain-English impact summaries (traffic, taxes, emergency services) **≥7 days** before votes on major land-use or STR changes, plus at least quarterly open office hours/town halls?

- Yes
- No
- Other:

Please share any other thoughts or comments you'd like voters to consider.

Your answer

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