

County passes law prohibiting commercial events at rented residences

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Renting a house for a wedding or family reunion became outlawed Tuesday by the Indian River County Commission.

Commissioners voted unanimously for a new law prohibiting, effective Sept. 30, commercial events at a residential house rented for that event. This includes weddings, birthdays, reunions, meetings or parties.

Those who already have precontracted events within one year are unaffected by the new law, but must show proof of those events by Oct. 31. Homeowners who host the events or provide the home for free for such events also are unaffected by the law.

Wedding professionals complained the law would cause the county to lose thousands in tourism revenue from visitors coming to the county for a beach wedding or other large event. Other residents applauded the commissioners for doing something to control events they say have disrupted their neighborhood.

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