

## Board of Supervisors meeting February 17, 2016

We think the Planning Department is putting forth a proposal that is unnecessary and very unfriendly to RVers and Canadians. The proposal to limit any rural property to only one RV guest at a time and no RV guests in any residential property is a direct assault on a very valuable group of property owners. This seems to be based on a ridiculous preconceived idea that RVs are so grotesque that no one should ever have to see one. RVs are actually a marvel of American ingenuity and engineering.

As Part year residents we pay more than 25% higher property taxes than full year residents. A very large portion of our property taxes go to support the school systems and the criminal justice system, two of the largest parts of the county's budget. While the county population sees about a 20% increase in population because of winter visitors, the school system and the criminal justice system have minimal or no increase in their expenditures during the time we are here. We are large net contributors to the county's income. Without us paying taxes for services we are not using, taxes would need to be significantly higher on all of the full year residents just to maintain the same level of service.

The effect of these proposed regulations is to discourage RVers and Canadians from coming to the county and especially from buying property here and paying taxes to support the county services. It baffles my mind that there seems to be an attempt to drive away the very people the county should be trying very hard to attract. It is not that they must limit the number of guests because of Article 5 in the state administrative code. If that were true all the truck stops in the county would either have to close or register as campgrounds and comply with all rules and regulations for campgrounds. We have maintained all along that we want to work with the county to have a set of common sense rules and regulations but we feel that our input and suggestions have been completely ignored by the Planning Department.

Governor Ducey recently proclaimed the importance of Canadian winter visitors to the state. According to that proclamation Canadian visitors alone contribute nearly a billion dollars annually to the Arizona economy. That does not even count the many U.S. citizens that are also being discouraged.

Why does the county want to try to discourage Canadian and other winter visitors from coming to and buying property in Pinal County. We are good tax paying contributing citizens to our communities. We are only asking for reasonable regulations from the county regarding RV guests. You should not be encouraging us to leave and not come back. You should be looking for ways to attract more of us to help pay the county bills.