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# **CONSIDERING BUYING AN INVESTMENT PROPERTY?**

### VACATION RENTAL VERSUS LONG TERM RENTAL

Now would be a good time to purchase property held for investment and due to market conditions, a rental home in the San Juans would be the best investment.

Once you have made the decision of the type of investment property to purchase, then how you intend to use that property is the next consideration, vacation rental or long-term rental. To assist you with this process, I have compared the different aspects of each below.

# **VACATION RENTAL GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The most successful and thereby most desirable properties include waterfront or view homes, homes with docks, hot tubs, pools and those that offer gaming tables such as a ping pong or a pool table. Flat usable land and having good internet connectivity is a must; your tenants must stay connected while on holiday. Allowing at least small dogs will increase your occupancy numbers.

Buying a home with an existing permit, customer list, website and income history is the most efficient avenue. The permit for a vacation rental runs with the land. It is annually renewed automatically but can be voided by the County should the home not be used as a vacation rental within the last 12 months.

The cost to obtain a vacation rental permit includes the county fee and I recommend using a consultant. The fee range is \$3300-\$3800. Of this amount, the consultant charges around \$1000-\$1500, subject to complexity.

It is possible to process a vacation rental permit directly with the County but in the long run, it is more beneficial to work with a professional who does them on a regular basis.

The process requires the corners of the lot be well marked, which may require a survey if you are not able to locate them. The application requires a current water test, if on a private well and recent septic inspection. The owner must evidence adequate parking and access roads to allow for fire protection and emergency vehicles. Floor plans are required so a designer may be needed to create those.

The owner or manager must publish rules of conduct for the individual home as well as a telephone list of emergency and contact numbers. The owners must have an on-island person for the tenants to contact at all times. Providing details of operation is advisable. especially for appliances and systems.

Further, many homeowners have developed their own set of rules, such as being respectful of the neighbors, garbage, recycling and water use conservation suggestions. The County does restrict head count based on a maximum of three people per bedroom for occupancy and a total allowed for gatherings. Some homeowners have a pet restriction as well.

Most any property is eligible for a vacation rental permit however there are some exceptions.

- If you are in town and on town water, vacation permits are not allowed unless you are commercially zoned.
- If you are in the County and hooked up to town water, vacation permits are not allowed.
- Many plats contain a provision in their Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions which prohibit vacation rentals.
- If you have a home and guest house on one parcel, one of the structures must be owner occupied or be a long-term rental, you may not have individual vacation rentals in both structures.

You do not want to operate a vacation rental without the proper permit. The County has regulations that must be complied with and notable fines and penalties for failure to operate vour business properly.

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SPACIOUS CAPE SAN JUAN HOME \$1.200.000 - MLS #1892066

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SUNNY 5 ACRE EQUESTRIAN ESTATE \$1,150,000 - MLS #1941271



EXPANSIVE WEST FACING ACREAGE \$489.000 - MLS #1910098



LEVEL ENTRY WATERFRONT CONDO \$900,000 - MLS #1939053



SERENE WATERFRONT ON GARRISON BAY \$1.500.000 - MLS #1787607



CHARMING HOME IN QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD \$475,000 - MLS #1908746



THRIVING LOCAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY \$875.000 - MLS #1808687

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### WATERFRONT HOME & SHARED DOCK HOME NEAR TOWN

Rare south-facing waterfront home with a shared deep-water dock with a 24' float and a mooring buoy. Enjoy beautiful views of Griffin Bay, the Strait and the Olympic Mtns. 1418 sf with 2 bed/3 bath, sunny living room featuring bay views and a rock surround fireplace w/electric blower, and a main floor master. Large decks overlooking the water with partial wind screening and a hot tub. Metal roof. 452 sf office/studio with spectacular view and 3/4 bath over detached garage. Close to town. garage. Close to town.

MLS #1922220 | \$1.765.000

Bright and sunny west-facing home with territorial views of the beautiful SJC Land Bank property. Extensive remodel throughout just completed. 1616 sf, 3 bed/2 bath, large great room with vaulted ceiling and wood stove, new exterior paint in 2020, new roof in 2019, a 4-car garage (782 sf), a garage/ shop/storage (928 sf) wired throughout with 220v, just over an acre, and close to town.

MLS #1922375 | \$845,000 **COLDWELL BANKER SAN JUAN ISLANDS, INC.** 

# WATER VIEW HOME ON ACREAGE

An incredible Northwest Contemporary home with approx. 3975 sf, 3 bed/3.5 bath, featuring breathtaking views across San Juan Channel to multiple islands, channels, and bays, as well as Mt. Baker and much of the Cascade Range, a home theater, new and extensive decking, recently painted, many new windows, and massive basement storage. On approx. 4.48 acres, enjoy a quiet setting away from roads, delightful walking paths throughout the property, and a large bricked circular driveway. bricked circular driveway.

MLS #1913615 | \$2.995.000

### HOME ON ACREAGE

An exceptional quality 3000+ sf, 3 bed/2.5 bath, furnished home with a wonderful floor plan, in-floor heat, timeless architecture, one of the most private 6.4+/- acre parcels you will find and quietly located about 900 ft from the main road. To the north of the house are park-like woods and across a beautiful meadow to the south is a half-acre 300+ ft long pond hosting a variety of ducks and other wildlife. Far under replacement value of \$2.85M.

# MLS #1933711 | \$1.995.000

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# The 2022 San Juan Islands Real Estate Showcase + Island Living Magazine is finally here!

Here is a sneak peek of the content inside! This year we are featuring lots of San Juan County community information in our Lifestyle and Activities sections! Stop by our Coldwell Banker San Juan Islands, Inc. Friday Harbor Office (105 Spring Steet, Friday Harbor, WA 98250) or our Roche Harbor office (Roche Harbor Resort) to pick up a copy! Find our digital version of the showcase on our website - www.sanjuanislands.com - About Us - Marketing Campaigns - Property Showcase & Island Living Publication - OR Click on any of the photos below to be transferred to our website!



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