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It is not prudent to increase lodging taxes on local coastal communities already grappling with reduced tourism dollars. I have personally observed the reduced flow of traffic, especially from out-of-state travellers, made personal inquiries to employees and owners of local businesses, who tell me business has steadily declined every year. One vacation rental property manager stated the occupancy rate has declined to the point it was in the 2008 recession.