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STVR Data: Where do owners of STVRs live? Tybee, Savannah, Georgia, Out of State?

Some suggest the increase in Tybee’s STVRs is due to residents buying properties for investment income. Using the updated STVR list, we calculated the residences of STVR owners. Of the 1,494 registrations, 464 registrations did not list an owner address, leaving 1,030. Of the 1,030 registrations that have a mailing address listed, 181 registrations, or 17.6%, have a Tybee Island mailing address. This would equate to 259 of 1,474 total STVR registrations. Based on 2020 Census data, this 259 is 9.7% of the voting age residents, age 18 and over. Two hundred thirty (230) owners (22%) have a Savannah address, 305 (27%) in other parts of Georgia, and 314 (30%) out of state.

All people have a right to own Tybee property and nonresidents contribute to the economy and quality of life. However, this indicates the vast majority of STVR owners live outside Tybee Island. This data raises the question of *“Who should influence policy and decision-making for the common good of the residents, businesses, and guests of Tybee Island?”*

Tybee Island	181	17.6%
Savannah	230	22.3%
Other GA	305	29.6%
In state	716	69.5%
Out of state	314	30.5%