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Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee

RE: **STR Ordinances 230267 and 230268**

Dear Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee,

The number of unregulated non-resident short-term rentals in Kansas City has exploded to more than 2,000 units, many managed by individuals and LLC's, **often with no ties to the neighborhoods they operate in.**

Meanwhile, Kansas City is facing a crisis in terms of available, affordable housing. Those investors compete with prospective tenants and home buyers who want to put down roots in our city.

The 2018 ordinance required simple notification if the property owner lived on site. If the owner did not live at the property, the ordinance required a majority of adjacent property owners to consent to an application, **however too often they do not get consent and instead resort to applying for a Special Use Permit, which is handed out by the city like candy.**

The revised ordinance, as currently drafted, eliminates those safeguards. It takes away the power and voice of homeowners and neighborhood associations who have worked with the city to revitalize and stabilize residential areas. It disrupts the sense of community built from those efforts.

To that end, I am writing to share my **support** for committee substitutes to Short Term Rental Ordinances 230267 and 230368 in a form that support the following criteria:

- Neighbor consent should continue to be required, although ideally, Type 2 non-resident should not be allowed in R zoning neighborhoods whatsoever.
- Quality of life protections, for both neighbors and guests, should continue to be required including the limits on the number of guests and prohibition of parties/events.
- Current permitted STRs should be required to re-register under Chapter 56 once their permit expires, and will be expected to comply with all requirements except the zoning and density requirement as long as the registrant or ownership does not change.
- The booking platforms must be required to remove any unregistered or deregistered STR.
- The Neighborhood Services Department **must be committed to actively enforcing the Ordinance to address violations and shut down STRs that are illegally operating or failing to comply with the Ordinance.**

Ordinances #230267 and 230268 will determine the fate of residential neighborhoods in Kansas City, Missouri. Right now, investors are buying up property for the purpose of making money off our neighborhoods. **We do not want to live in a hotel district, nor do we want to get priced out of our homes.**

Please consider our neighborhoods and the people in them.

Sincerely,

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