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I own a mid-town home and have lived in it for 42 years. I'm very concerned about the explosive growth of non-owner-occupied Short Term Rentals in my neighborhood and other residential areas of the City.

Residential neighborhoods are an essential component of Kansas City's growth and stability. Non-owner-occupied STR's deprive the City of permanent residents who add to the Census Count and the tax base, and who are in a position to vote, raise families, send their kids to public schools, and serve as community volunteers/leaders. Every non-owner-occupied single home/duplex/apartment unit in a residential neighborhood decreases the chances for housing someone wanting to actually reside in and hopefully work in the city limits of KCMO.

I strongly urge the City Council to do the following:

- \* Ban non-owner-occupied STRs in residential neighborhoods
- \* Assure that appropriate staff and budget are in place to identify, monitor and hold accountable all STRs in the City Limits
- \* Require that all STRs include their City Permit # in all their advertisements and impose a hefty fine for the 1st violation; revoke permit if action repeated.

I, like most other homeowners, want my residential neighborhood to remain just that — a community of neighbors.

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