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To all of the people working on this important issue, I am writing to support the well thought out recommendations by our Midtown Neighbors leaders.

It is important that short term rentals not further restrict the availability of housing in our city and that neighborhoods not be over run by what have essentially become unregulated and unsupervised hotel rooms. It is important that the city be proactive in dealing with this issue.

Short term rentals began as a way for people to earn some extra money renting rooms in their home or renting their home when they are gone. They are now becoming businesses, often with absentee owners and with little safety regulation either for the renters or the neighbors.

I am not against all short term rentals but feel that it is important to adopt mechanisms such as those suggested by our neighborhood leaders to limit density of STRs, to keep non-owner occupied STRs out of R and UR zoned neighborhoods, and to delist rentals that break city laws. Without enforcement, any rules will be useless.

I have reviewed the comments and concerns expressed by the Midtown Neighborhoods in their Comments to Substitute Versions of 230267 and 230268, dated April 12, 2023. I am asking the City Council and Mayor to enact an ordinance that resolves those concerns, including:

- Neighbor consent should continue to be required, although a reasonable compromise is disallowing non-resident STRs in R and UR zoning and especially enacting density requirements.
- 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 notified of any unregistered or deregistered STR and required to remove their listings.
- The Neighborhoods 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.

Thanks for your consideration and work on this issue.

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