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Good Day,

My name is Scott Brake. I am a licensed Short Term Rental (STR) owner in Kansas City. I support properly licensed STRs, but the proposed changes are not the correct way of going about regulating STRs.

This summer my family will be traveling to St.louis for a mini-vacation. My brother, an Iraq war vet who suffers from PTSD, will be travelling with us. My brother only travels with his service dog. We will be staying in an Airbnb that allows pets and welcomes whole families. By us all staying together, we also have assistance from my family in looking over my four-year-old. This allows me and my wife an actual vacation. My family appreciates having this option available to us via a STR.

The licensed STR I own and operate is mostly booked by families looking to visit in the Waldo area, where we have no hotels. I also have a fenced in backyard which allows visitors to Kansas City to bring their pets. More than 50% of my bookings look to travel to Kansas City with their pets. Visitors travelling with their pets are a large part of the travelling community that we should be welcoming, not limiting.

I believe the current STR regulations could use some updates. But the proposed changes are misguided and being driven by misinformation. The current regulations require type 2 STR owners to get 55% of the adjacent owners to approve of the STR. That 55% requirement, if enforced, would solve density problems, party problems, and trash problems. That requirement requires the STR owner to be a part of the community. In my opinion, STR owners that are part of the community are the owners we need in Kansas City. STR owners without a viable interest in the community should not be here. Enforcing the current regulations is the correct course of action, not the proposed changes.

Best Regards,

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Scott Brake