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Greetings City Clerk,

I live in the Waldo area and our neighborhood association brought our attention to this Ordinance 250965.

Particularly concerning is some of the loose language and lack of real clarity of intent and purpose, which could cause all kinds of housing issues for us in this area by having increased short term rentals. We already struggle from the increase in long-term rentals in our residential neighborhoods. This has increased street traffic (riskier for kids who walk to school), increased number of household members so more cars parked on the street causing safety hazards turning onto and off of the street, and emergency equipment getting through. And more regular turnover is disruptive to the street not knowing who's living in the house. If you don't tighten up the definition and criteria for this Ordinance, you open us up to more of this disruption.

Recently and nearby, a short term rental caught fire. So we are very aware of consequences in our neighborhood if definitions are not tight and oversight and objective criteria are not imposed.

Specifically, I am concerned about the term "special event" versus saying what it really is: a "massive event/influx of visitors requiring lodging over multiple days".

The wording and the criteria need to reflect the condition under which you would enable more temporary STAs. So please consider a definition like: "massive event when a tremendous amount of people will converge on the city for a defined period and require lodging where existing lodging inventory is insufficient to meet the temporary demand".

Also, by having City Council oversight and issuing clear, objective criteria for designating future event STAs, you give voice to city residents in crafting the ordinance that best fits with the need and culture of the area while having justification criteria to mitigate against any abuse of the ordinance.

In my neighborhood, we do not want rentals for one or two nights. We have hotels to accommodate that; not homes next to long-term residents raising families where who knows who is in that STA house on any given day. So, be intentional to distinguish those massive events from events where demand for housing like that is not likely to occur.

Thank you for your consideration.

Resident in Waldo.
Lynn Hindley