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Subject: Airbnb message from a mother desperate to find housing in KC this weekend
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Hi,

I am fairly new to this STR in KC / Airbnb thing as my wife and I just bought a new property and plan to turn our current primary residence into a STR starting in July, permit number CD-STR-00824. The situation of keeping this home furnished and in our possession is essential to us: both of our families are in KC and we love KC but my company will eventually transfer me to another location (for indefinite periods of time). We'd like to keep our current home furnished so that we can still spend part of the year in Kansas City when that happens, which is where Airbnb enters the picture. It is a perfect solution to still keep Kansas City as 'home' when we are transferred elsewhere and also to let others enjoy our home and our neighborhood when we aren't there.

This past week, we received outreach on Airbnb – even though our property isn't available until July, someone found the listing. Here's a message I got from a desperate (to find somewhere to stay for her son's football games in kc) mother coming in town this weekend. I explained the situation (that it wasn't supposed to be available yet) and she ended up still wanting it, even unclean, full of our personal belongings (clothes and food), etc. because they couldn't find anything else.

What this did for the community in KC: we have to board our dogs when a friend would have otherwise watched them (business to the dog boarding place), had to hire a cleaning service because we don't have time before we leave town (business to the cleaning service), restaurants that we suggested to them that otherwise wouldn't have earned their family's business this weekend and overall good-will and generosity towards Kansas City as a whole from a new family that may not have had the opportunity to visit otherwise!

I believe that if Kansas City plans to continue to develop into a city that we'd like to welcome visitors and tourists, Airbnb is the most useful solution to that problem. Albeit, I think that permits should be tighter regulated, fines should be imposed for those that break the regulations, etc.. But to plan major events in our city and not have housing to accommodate those coming seems like an unacceptable solution in my opinion.

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Hannah 11:03 PM

Honestly, I've been refreshing my searches for three hours this evening and after reading a few scary reviews on VRBO, I am only looking on AirBNB now. We've had this trip planned for a few months, but I actually cancelled our AirBNB two weeks ago when our family experienced an emergency and I wasn't sure if we'd be able to make the trip. On April 12 my husband and our 8yo son were in a serious car accident where a pickup truck turned in front of them going 60, totaling our car and leaving them both pretty banged up. My husband's been seen by a few doctors since getting out of the hospital and is getting around better each day, so yesterday we decided to make this trip so my son doesn't miss his first ever travel football tournament. Had I known it was draft weekend and everything, I would have never cancelled our first reservation! I would have just risked

receiving a partial refund lol, but sitting in the hospital for two days I was thinking we wouldn't be going to KC at all. All of which is to say, if you can accommodate us for this trip we'd love to stay here and we'd promise not to eat any of your food (or rather, we'd promise to make sure our kiddos don't lol)! But if you're not comfortable with it or it's too much on short notice, I certainly understand and will keep looking :) We are leaving Wednesday morning on about a ten hour drive, planning to get in anywhere between 8-10pm on the 26th.



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