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ITEM 5 OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED APRIL 5, 2022 REGARDING REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS

To City Council and Executive Policy Committee:

I own a property in Wolseley that I live in for part of the year, and rent out as a furnished short term rental periodically. It allows me to travel back to Europe to spend time with me elderly parents, something which I will likely be doing more of as the years go by.

The property is a family house with a yard managed by a superhost who has been very professional. People who have stayed there to date have included professionals moving to Winnipeg for work, people coming to the city for medical treatment, and family visits. Most of these seem to pick the property due to the central location and the fact that it has a yard. The yard seems especially important to families travelling with children.

The minimum stay length has been 4 days, with the longest being about a month. Renting long term furnished (over a month) is not really an option as I need the house for myself.

There have been no complaints from neighbors, and careful checking of potential renters past reviews seems to keep things running smoothly.

Without the ability to rent the house out when I am not there would make things extremely difficult for me. Insurance companies do not like houses standing empty for long periods, and I cannot afford to have it sitting vacant.

I hope the policy committee give some thought to this position as it seems to benefit many people and hinder nobody,

Many thanks,

Ivor Llewellyn