To whom is may concern,

Over the last few months I have been paying attention to the concerns brought up at city council about the short term rental industry. The majority of the concerns mentioned can easily be addressed and resolved by the implementation of fair policy regulation that encourages hosts to continue operating in a much needed and wanted market that is becoming more and more desirable by consumers.

Policies to consider are having hosts licensed, which will include them to be subject to criminal background checks prior to licensing. Also, hosts will pay the associated costs for licensing and inspections to make sure the properties are up to code. Licensed hosts will then be subject to fines, suspensions, and even bans if they are deemed to be operating in a manner that is not meeting or exceeding the standards that are put into place. In addition to the collection of licensing fees, fines for those who commit infractions, an accommodation tax can be collected for the city.

The majority of short term hosts have been operating at a high standard, by using non intrusive security equipment which allows us to be proactive in preventing parties and disruptive behaviour on their properties. After all, we own these homes and operate with a pride of ownership, and value our homes, communities, and our city. Those few hosts who have not been operating to a high standard have already been weeded out during this time, and some of the regulations mentioned above will certainly expedite the process in ensuring that only good hosts operate moving forward.

My partner Cherie and I are committed to continue operating in this manner, and we want nothing more than to work with the city to implement our methods of operations, as our model is proven to be effective, as we take safety and security, and respecting our community as our priority. In a collaborative effort, hosts and city council can work together and implement regulations that would meet everyones needs and goals, without the need to implement over reaching policy that would eliminate the vast majority of short term rentals available in the city.

Respectfully,

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