To our honorable city council members,

Regarding the regulation of short term rentals, I recently came across an existing bylaw document that affects ALL housing in Winnipeg. The document is called the "Neighborhood Livability By-Law".

This document covers many aspects of homes ownership and rentals, including furnished rentals.

The document addresses home safety, noise complaints, fire prevention standards, and other requirements to ensure that rentals are safe, quiet, and fit nicely into any residential neighborhood.

I would encourage city council to take a look at the "Neighborhood Livability By-Law" document in-light of all of the negative reports they have received about the few bad short term rentals incidents, and determine:

Would the current " Neighborhood Livability By-Law", when properly enforced, solve the short term rental issues reported?

1. If the answer is yes, then I implore city council to honor all of the years of hard work put into drafting this comprehensive by-law document by holding short term rentals to the same standard.
I also encourage city council to cease any other efforts to try to create new legislation specifically targeting short term rentals, until such a time that the current by-law document proves insufficient in regulating short term rentals

2. If the answer is no, I also encourage city council to first start with the current by-law document and to outline specific scenarios where the current by-law is insufficient in regulating short term rentals, and then to only seek to create legislation for those specific situations, rather than starting from a blank slate and re-creating legislation when a more than suitable set of residential and rental by-laws already exist.

Regards,
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