Dear City Council,

My spouse and I operate both short- and long-term rentals in Gimli, Manitoba. The philosophy behind our business is to take housing units that our negatively impacting our community and make them amazing places to live and stay. A recent example is a triplex which was previously known as the crack house and converting it into a place to house 2 great families and a vacation spot for travellers coming to enjoy the beach.

In relation to the short-term rental discussions that will be had in the near future, I have concern when governments intervene. I work (my 9-5/sit on a board) in 2 heavily regulated industries where government intervention has crippled one industry and created severe reputational distress for another. As a side note, a deterrent to me owning property in Winnipeg is the fact that there is no regulation and the fear that it will be regulated inappropriately in the future.

My thoughts on short term rentals and government intervention is that their reach (in the majority of cases) should stop at the property line. A government should not intervene in operation of business's but rather have the oversight capabilities and punitive capacity to eliminate the bad apples which is similar to air bnbs approach in relation users on their platform.

Respectfully,

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