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Subject: Protect short-term rentals in Winnipeg

Hi,

Hello Dear Councilors,

If you could please take into consideration my points on STRs,

1. Short-term rentals (STRs) should not be allowed in apartment buildings where neighbors share only one common wall, as this might cause disruptions and a loss of privacy for both visitors and locals. Instead, STRs should be permitted in properties that provide a higher level of privacy and isolation, such as those with fenced-in backyards. This setup would provide a more serene and tranquil environment for both guests and locals, while also encouraging the appropriate use of STRs in the community.

2. A 5% tax on short-term rentals, along with the necessity for an annual license, will level the playing field with hotels. This balanced approach to taxes and regulation will guarantee that both hotels and short-term rentals operate on an equal and fair basis, supporting healthy competition and contributing to the growth of the local tourist economy.

3. Due to a lack of available accommodations throughout the city, Winnipeg suffers a major loss from large conventions. This creates a void that short-term rentals (STRs) can assist in filling. Increased visitor room availability can make the city a more appealing destination for conventions and events, benefiting the local economy and offering new opportunities.

4. It has been stated many times that families traveling with children, prefer to stay in homes with greater living space rather than cramped hotel rooms. These families value the comfort and solitude that a separate living room, a full kitchen, and other home-like facilities provide. Short-term rentals can draw more families to the city and have a good influence on the local economy by giving these possibilities.

5. The economic impact of short-term rentals in Winnipeg is extensive. The new proposed tax on these rentals would expand the city's tax base, while people staying in these rentals will also contribute to the local economy by visiting restaurants, shopping, and other local attractions. This has a good economic impact on the city as a whole since more money is spent locally, which leads to the creation of new employment and opportunities for locals.

6. Despite not being a popular tourist destination, Winnipeg has the potential to draw more visitors if reasonable short-term rentals are available. These rentals can help promote the local tourism sector by making less popular towns more appealing, offering new chances for small enterprises, and having a beneficial influence on the local economy. With the growing desire for one-of-a-kind vacation experiences, short-term rentals may play an important role.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Cody Howell