

May 2, 2023

Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee  
414 E 12th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

RE: Expressing **My Opposition** to Short Term Rental Ordinances 230267 & 230268

Dear Chair Barnes and Committee Members,

I am a legally permitted Kansas City, Missouri Short Term Rental (STR) operator who is troubled by the recent activity to enact new legislation that replaces the current legislation enacted in 2018. The views of the neighborhood activists who oppose STRs do not reflect the majority of residents in the residential neighborhoods nor is their message that all STRs in residential neighborhoods are unruly and just plain bad valid. This is simply not true. The main problem that I see is that the **City of Kansas City, Missouri has failed to enforce a perfectly good ordinance** and is now allowing these very vocal critics to diminish an ordinance that many stakeholders spent three years designing after “gives and takes” from all sides.

While I have low confidence that my input will make any difference in keeping the current 2018 Ordinance, I believe there are specific areas in the new Ordinance/Substitutes that are problematic and should warrant further consideration. These are the following:

- Do not restrict further expansion of non-resident short term rentals (ban), in residential zoning categories – this alone will eventually kill STRs in residential areas thus not allowing STRs to be replenished as the older ones sunset
- Do not implement density restrictions in other zoning categories
- Do not prohibit STRs from listing their properties on booking platforms
- **Current legal STRs should be “grandfathered” under the 2018 Ordinance**
- **STR applications that are in process should be allowed to continue on with that process and be “grandfathered” because it is not their fault that the process is cumbersome or that the City is slow in the approval process**
- Allow the STR permit to pass on to the next property owner as it does in the 2018 Ordinance
- The City should be required to provide sufficient staffing to enforce any STR Ordinance

I humbly ask the members of the Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee to **NOT** adopt committee substitutes for 230267 and 230268 but instead remand this legislation back to its authors to be rewritten to reflect more of the components of the current legislation enacted in 2018. Please do **NOT** recommend passage to the full Council.

Sincerely,

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