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Subject: Why Nightly Rentals Make Sense For Kansas City
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Dear Members of City Council,

I have been host to 100's of visitors to Kansas City - making them feel welcome & providing advice on restaurants, things to do & places to visit. I am registered & have paid taxes to the city & state for my guests. SO MANY of these guests are so grateful and appreciative of a home to come back to each night after conducting their business, visiting with friends & family, or taking in the sites & exploring Kansas City.

I feel the voices of these Kansas City residents & visitors express the need for STR's in Kansas City way better than I can. Here are some comments from some reviews:

- *"It was more than comfortable for a quick, one night trip to KC for an event at Uptown Theatre. So much more pleasant and comfortable than a hotel and the process could not have been easier"*
- *"The absolute perfect place for our 2022 Thanksgiving. We loved being able to bring our dogs as well! "*
- *"My little French bulldog and I were in KC for about 3 weeks for work and this could not have been a more comfortable stay. KC had quite a cold front of weather so we took advantage of the coziness of the space every night"*
- *"This property has everything you need for your home away from home. The location is great, safe neighborhood near Westport, The Plaza, Warwick Theatre, Museum, Arts and much more!"*
- *"Jaymi was very kind and very easy to get a hold of. No issues whatsoever. A perfect stay close to all the big neighborhoods you want to visit in KC!"*
- *"This was my second ~3 week stay at Jaymi's, and it felt like coming home. Her place is so charming and comfortable with all the amenities I needed to cook a lot and relax with my son in the space. I love love love the location as we had easy access to the plaza (I could walk to my morning yoga classes on the plaza), midtown, crossroads, and downtown."*

These guests don't want to stay in hotels. They want to enjoy a home. They want to experience what it's like to be a local - to feel like an insider, not an outsider. There are plenty of visitors who DO want a hotel experience - so that's what they choose.

99% of my guests are respectful guests who want to visit our city. I am a **responsible host** & don't allow parties. I have policies & systems in place which keep the rare booking from bringing 'extra guests' which could lead to a party or disturb neighbors. I am up-front with my guests that I have exterior cameras for safety reasons.

I understand the concerns of residents in some neighborhoods. The answer is not a complete ban. The answer is creating policies which create **responsible owners**. The answer is **LOCAL OWNERSHIP**. I'm guessing that most of the properties which have had issues also have an absentee owner. I live here. I can stay in tune with my space & my guests & even

drop by when needed. The other answer is making sure all properties are **registered & paying taxes!**

Please do not penalize our entire city & it's visitors because of a few.

Thank you all for what you do & for caring for our city, its people and its visitors. Since my corporate job was eliminated last year (after 12 years), this is my livelihood. Please don't take it away.

Sincerely,
Jaymi Zehms