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My name is Sandra Swearingen. I'm a long-time Kansas City resident, and I care deeply about short term rentals.

I have only two points I want to emphasize regarding the proposed legislation:

**1) Please allow *some* legal path forward for non-owner occupied STRs in residential zones.** If my adjacent neighbors give consent/signatures to allow a short-term rental next door, why should it be prohibited?

**2) Please honor/grandfather in *all* permit applications that have already been submitted.** Many newer STR owners have followed all the regulations, paid all fees, and applied in good faith with the expectation that their applications would be reviewed and processed. For the love of justice, please don't change the rules retroactively for those of us with recently issued permits or who are still waiting for an already submitted application to be reviewed.

I agree that we need stricter rules and enforcement for short-term rentals in Kansas City. And I'd rather see the city impose a moratorium on new permit applications while they work out the details, rather than have the city pass an ordinance that will result in litigation and have a negative impact on the long-term health and reputation of the city.

Respectfully,  
Sandra Swearingen