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My wife and I are long-time Kansas City residents writing to voice our support for Short Term Rentals like Airbnb as well as speak out against attempts to ban any residentially owned STRs.

I attended the meeting this week regarding Short Term Rentals and it was clear that most people who showed up are against bans restrictions and bans on STRs than for them.

Essentially banning Residentially Zoned STRs is a severe overreaction to a vocal minority who are against any type of STR. Similarly, implementing a 1000 ft density requirement would effectively kill short-term rentals in Kansas City, and likely result in significant legal action against the city by those that have invested heavily in STRs as well as residents as a whole. Similar measures have failed spectacularly and been reversed in other large cities (e.g. New Orleans) that have attempted similar bans and restrictions to those being proposed for Kansas City.

When our family and friends come from different states and counties to visit my wife and me, they don't want to stay in a hotel, but rather a short-term rental closer to us. Similarly, when my family and I travel, we don't want to stay in hotels but rather find STR accommodation in different parts of towns and cities that meet our needs. I also wanted to call out the presence of an Expedia Lobbyist who spoke in favor of the ban, which is a clear attempt for Hotels to monopolize the market by lobbying against STR companies like Airbnb and VRBO.

As you consider options and vote on May 3rd after revisions are made, please consider that many residents like us actually value having STRs available, not only in other towns and cities but also in our own.

We'd like to encourage a common sense approach to regulating STRs, and not severe overreactions like an essential outright ban on all residentially zoned Airbnbs, which is usually where people like us want to stay as opposed to hotels in downtown areas.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kyle and Bethany Miles