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Subj: Short Term Rental Ordinances 230267 and 230268

The growth of non-resident short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods that are managed by individuals and corporations with no community ties represent a potential menace to the quality of life for residents in many of the neighborhoods of Kansas City, MO.

It is my understanding that the 2018 ordinance required simple notification if the property owner lived on site. If the owner did not live at the property the ordinance required a majority of adjacent property owners to consent to an application. The revised ordinance, as currently drafted, eliminates those safeguards. It takes away the power and voice of homeowners and neighborhood associations. It affirmed, the revised ordinance will precipitate an incipient disruption of the sense of community.

The revised Versions of 230267 and 230268 should stipulate:

1. A continuation of required neighbor consent.
2. A continuation of required quality of life protections, for both neighbors and guests, including limits on the number of guests and prohibition of parties/events.
3. Current permitted short term rentals (STR) should be required to re-register under Chapter 56 once their permit expires. Further, the STR should be required to comply with all requirements except the zoning and density requirement as long as the registrant or ownership does not change.
4. The booking platforms must be required to remove any unregistered or deregistered STR.
5. The *Neighborhoods Department* must actively enforce the Ordinance to address violations and shut down STRs that are illegally operating or failing to comply with the Ordinance. In such cases, the owner of the STR should be subject to a graduated monetary fine based on severity of violation.

It is my considered opinion that Ordinance #230268 has potential to adversely determine the fate of residential neighborhoods in Kansas City, Missouri.

I am asking our elected representatives to partner with residents and neighborhoods to create a reasonable Ordinance that allows for sustainable growth but protects the rights and interests of permanent residents.

Respectfully,



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