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Hello,

As a Short Term Rental owner I am submitting the following recommendations to the council for tonight's meeting. I have worked with my neighbors to develop this list, including Dr Janis Cavanaugh and Jeanne Rener. We believe this offers a balance of freedoms and business opportunities for home owners and protections for our neighborhood.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Grandfather in STRs that have business licenses already. These are our businesses and we've worked hard to set them up
- Ban gatherings (not just "parties," but productions, large family get-togethers, etc...)
- Define a gathering as any more than 2 x the number of bedrooms + 2 with a hard cap of 10
- Require parking to be only on property in paved parking spots
- Requiring an annual permit, not every 6 months
- Require the STR to be a primary residence. The IRS definition of primary residence is "where a person spends the most time."
- Require a 500' spacing radius and a process for exemptions
- Do not require a minimum stay, especially a 7 night minimum. The bulk of stays are two nights. Requiring more would effectively block STR opportunities for us.
- Establish a due process for hosts to appeal citations
- Allow infractions to be expunged after two years, so hosts aren't banned for life if a guest violates a rule every three years for example

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