

In 2021, I purchased a home in the neighborhood in Columbia Heights I grew up in. To afford the mortgage I decided to have roommates. The rooms are furnished and all areas of the house were shared with myself and others. After doing this for a couple years, I purchased and moved into a new property in Columbia Heights nearby. While currently living at the new property, I am still at the first property almost daily to maintain the house, garden, house plants and relationship with neighbors. I was not aware of the rental license requirements due to this unique situation.

Now that I am aware of the process in Columbia Heights, I am requesting a rental license for my first property because I am currently not living there. I operate a small, community-minded and ethically run business that creates local employment opportunities through cleaning and snow removal while providing mid-term accommodations. Over time, I have hosted a diverse range of roommates, including individuals who contribute to our community through professions such as nursing and musical entertainment. I have also hosted individuals relocating to Minnesota from other states because they felt Minnesota offered a more welcoming and inclusive environment. Additionally, my listing is priced to remain accessible to individuals experiencing housing instability, offering a safe and affordable place to stay while they transition to more permanent housing arrangements.

If granted, I will continue maintaining the interior and exterior of the property and follow all rental policies. I plan to sell my property in the next 1-2 years.