



SHORT TERM RENTALS - NOISE

Dear City Council

The residents of Douglas need your immediate help to take control of the rampant growth of STR's in our city.

The majority of residents are over 55, The average household is under 2 people

This makes for the quiet neighborhoods we enjoy!

Have coffee on the porch, take a nap in the sunshine, read a book, eat dinner on the deck, have a glass of wine and enjoy a quiet evening outdoors.

these are beautiful moments!

But when investors are allowed to just plop down a 4-6-8-10 person STR in the middle of our peaceful neighborhoods, that quality of life is gone,

When you have 4-6-8+ people -

they talk LOUDLY- they all know each other

yelling and cheering yard games

hot tub parties

loud cell phone conversations

karaoke

loud drunks

loud drunken cussing!

unrelenting screaming kids

fire pits

and more!

There are virtually no regulations on STR's, no one is in charge, no one even knows how many STR's we have.

The estimate is between 200 and 300. yes 200 -300, we only have around 550 residential households.

Today I am asking councils help to fast track a 24 hour noise ordinance specific STR's

Noise from the STR should not go past the lot line, or be louder than the ambient noise in the neighborhood.

The current noise ordinance only allows our police to respond after 11:00 p.m.

While there are many STR owners that are good neighbors, the residents of Douglas deserve some real tools to deal with the bad actors.

With real fines - \$500, \$1000 and increased by \$500 for each offense.

To reduce police / ordinance officer involvement and to be fair to potential renters -

- "Very quiet neighborhood, 24 hour noise ordinance in effect, \$500 fines" should be placed at the beginning of each STR listing,

-posted inside and outside the STR

-a signed acknowledgment in the rental agreement.

This will let renters know they are renting in a quiet neighborhood, and alert noisy party people that this is not the STR for them.

Thank you

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