

To The Douglas City Council:

When is enough, enough. I just learned that a house next to me (which sold for 1.6 million last fall is now a air B &B). I also learned that a family home on Wiley Road is pending which may be another air B&B.

Our residential zoning laws were intentionally designed to foster stable neighborhoods, long term community ties, and a sense of shared security. The steady expansion of investor owned short term rentals undermines these foundational goals. When homes turn into rotating hotels we lose the permanent residents who anchor our community as well as reduction in affordable housing.

It is my understanding that Little Douglas has over 140 plus of these hotels in our neighborhoods. I am surrounded by them and everyone I talk to are as well. These are homes that we never know who is there and whose cars belong and the parties that go on forever. No neighbors, families or children in our schools. Off season they sit empty.

We are the only municipal around us that refuses to take up this issue which is why more investors are putting these in Douglas. Are you working for our citizens or the realtors, rental companies and investors? It is time to take a stand and stop this craziness?

I respectfully urge the city council to take decisive action to protect our neighborhoods from further growth in this industry. I ask and many others ask you to stand with longtime residential folks and prioritize the integrity of our residential communities over outside commercial interests.

Thank you for your public service and your consideration of this urgent matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence W. Gammons

13 Fremont Street A resident of 45 years.....