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From: Glen Harris <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Glen Harris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 11:57 PM
To: Brook Brown; Sara Hutson; Kevin Glasheen; Phil McDuffee; Alec Robinson
Cc: Pattillo Amy; Ashley Wayman; Gavin Massingill
Subject: hourly-based rental apps

Rollingwood City Council Members:

While researching our Code of Ordinances, I encountered Sec. 107-80 Short-term rentals.

In the spirit of buttoning-up our ordinances, it strikes me that this ordinance could be modified to supplement the phrase “residential structure” with the phrase “or amenity” (and a definition of amenity to include pools, sport courts, patio areas, outdoor kitchens/grills, etc.) to address concerns around hourly-based rental apps.

I’m suggesting this in response to concerns Amy Pattillo raised in her public comments at the Nov 15, 2023 City Council meeting, alerting meeting participants to the availability of hourly-based rental apps for homeowner’s amenities. I found an example of one such app here: <https://swimply.com/>

I’d like to be clear that I do not think changes to this ordinance are a solution to the current problem of excessive sport court usage at 3016 Hatley, as Mr. Logue asserts that he receives no compensation for use of his courts by others. I do think a modification of this ordinance could clarify legitimate property uses and thus prevent similar noise and traffic issues in other circumstances.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Glen Harris

Sec. 107-80. - Short-term rentals.

(a)

Definitions. For purposes of this article, the terms used will have the meanings set forth below. Words that are not defined will have their ordinarily accepted meanings.

(1)

Rental. The renting, bartering, trading, letting, or otherwise allowing the use of a residential structure or a room or rooms within a residential structure for compensation.

(2)

Short term rental. The rental of any property for a period of less than 30 days.

(b)

Prohibited. All *short*-term rentals are hereby prohibited and are unlawful within the city.

(c)
Penalty. A violation of this article is a misdemeanor punishable by a criminal penalty of up to \$2,000.00 per day.