
Fw: STR Ordinance

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Dear Mr. Welker,

I am deeply concerned about the short term rental cap lift coming to planning and zoning. Lifting the STR ordinance here in Sandpoint neighborhoods will devastate local renters who LIVE here and WORK here and want to be a part of the community. We know what happens to neighborhoods when short term rentals overtake long term rentals, for a town. We've all seen locals get pushed out financially when they can't find somewhere to live. Capping short term rentals in Sandpoint is how we lose a town and a community.

I have spent my entire teenage and adult life working in this town and contributing to this community with my tax dollars, all the while navigating the cost of living exceeding well beyond our "tourist town salaries" and Idaho's minimum wage. I have moved once a year for the last seven years because of the standard minimum rent being raised hundreds of dollars, and because 2nd/3rd/4th home buyers are buying houses for their summer vacation in Sandpoint and to turn into Airbnbs—the best way get their check without having to contribute to this community.

We cannot serve the visitor without having a solid, prioritized, and safely housed community.

Please, please oppose lifting this cap on short term rentals, and instead protect our community from becoming a town where locals don't have anywhere to live and be an actual part of the amazing community that is Sandpoint.

Sincerely,

Alani Strang
29 year Resident