
Please don't deregulate STR

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Dear planning and zoning commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to oppose any effort to deregulate short-term rentals (STRs) in Sandpoint, including removing caps or loosening limits on their number and concentration in our residential neighborhoods.

Sandpoint already has a very tight housing market, rising prices, and limited year-round rentals. Allowing more homes to be converted into STRs would accelerate the loss of housing for local workers and families, drive up prices further, and erode the character of our quiet neighborhoods. The current ordinance, which allows STRs but limits their number and requires registration and compliance with city code, is a reasonable balance between tourism and community housing needs.

Please vote for no change to the existing STR ordinance and, if anything, focus on better enforcement and careful study of the community impacts before considering any major changes. Housing for residents must come before expanding opportunities for outside investors and speculators.

Thank you for your service and for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
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