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Chelan County Commissioners,

I strongly urge you to adopt much more restrictive regulations than currently exist for short term rentals. The owner of the unit should be required to be on site when the unit is rented and outside activities should be restricted to no later than 10:00 PM and in my opinion 9:00 PM. Yes, this would restrict a person to owning only one short term rental, but that is the best solution to the unwanted noise from a rental unit. Owners do have a responsibility to the neighbors. Alternatively, a manager should be required to be on site, but this is a much less desirable solution. Furthermore, more than 2 or 3 complaints should be cause for rescinding the right to operate a short term rental. If there is no penalty for not running a responsible unit there is no incentive to be good owners.

In general, people who rent Short term rentals do not behave like people who actually live in the neighborhood and have to get up to go to work in the morning. The renters are there for a vacation and/or partying. Even considerate renters can be very annoying if they are outside and the neighbors are trying to sleep. We used to live on Riverbend Drive in Leavenworth and after we moved out, our old house was converted to a short term rental and a hot tub was put on the back deck. When we talked to our old neighbors they said people would sit in the hot tub late at night. Unfortunately that is maybe 40 feet max (probably less) from their bedroom window. If you have 4, 6, 8 or more people talking the noise is quite annoying.

So please consider the neighbors when considering the regulations.

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