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Dear Chelan County Planning Committee:

I strongly support the new proposed regulations for limiting short term rentals in Chelan County. These regulations are long overdue. I would add the following comments.

1. Change the five year sunset period for existing legitimate STR's to two years. Why should residents have to endure five more years of STR's in their neighborhoods?
2. Existing short term rentals should be considered lawfully established and existing only if they have a UBI number, a permit from CCD and have been collecting and paying taxes to the WA Dept. of Revenue.
3. Strike the more than 15 days in a calendar on Tier 2 rentals 11.88.280 2.A.ii. I don't see how that could be enforced and you're giving a non occupied owner permission to rent 15 days or more if you can't enforce it.
4. Provide an anonymous method to report violators. Many neighbors are very reluctant to file a code enforcement complaint on another neighbor. An anonymous reporting system will be very effective in finding out which properties are not compliant.
5. Noise control. More thought needs to be given to this area in terms of enforcement. A challenging area for sure. I have spoken to the Chelan County Code Enforcement office and they do not enforce any of the noise ordinances and they referred me to the sheriff's office. I have spoken to the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and noise complaint calls are one of their lowest priority calls. This is especially true on busy weekend nights where the deputies have much more pressing issues to attend to.

Regards,

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