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PWe are writing again in support of restructuring and limiting short term rentals in Chelan County. As a homeowner in the Lake Wenatchee area we are seeing in recent years a negative impact on the very quality of life we sought in our purchase there. Short term rentals in our area have caused a noticeable increase in traffic (speeding on our residential street), loud parties and related trash, outdoor fires that are in violation of fire restrictions and in the summer months downright dangerous.

ePlease follow the goals and policies contained in the Chelan County Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, we emphasize Goal Housing 1*: Encourage the availability of affordable housing to all economic segments of the population of Chelan County;* and Policy Housing 2.4: *Encourage appropriate placement and use of vacation rentals.*

a. Reasons: There is a housing affordability crisis in the touristed portions of the County because our single family homes have been converted to short term rentals especially in the 98826 zip code and in the Chelan/Manson areas. For example, in the 98826 zip code, over 15% of the houses are now short term rentals. We need to reduce this number to 5%.

Tier 2 and Tier 3 STRs (the absentee owner rentals) are not compatible in residential zones especially on lots smaller than 8 acres. Please protect neighborhoods from commercial operations that are fundamentally incompatible in a residential setting.

Phase out (sunset) non-conforming STRs within 2 years and do not allow transfer of STR permits. The problems in our neighborhoods and our crisis in affordable housing cannot wait 5 years.

Limit occupancy in Tier 1 and Tier 2 STRS to 2 people per bedroom or a maximum of 10 people, whichever is less. The number of bedrooms can be no greater than described on the approved septic and building permits. We are in support of maintaining the very essence of our community which is being denegrated both aesthetically and economically by the surge of short term rentals in our area. Sincerely, Greg and Lynda Fischer 16145 Telemark Lane, Leavenworth, WA..