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Dear Commissioners,
I am writing to you today as a neighbor of a STR that is fed up with having strangers parade in and out of my neighborhood. We have owned our home in Plain since 2015. It is a cabin set on the banks of the idyllic Wenatchee River. It is our peaceful retreat, all seasons of the year. The duplex cabin next to us was formerly owned by a family that used it personally and did rent it out as a vacation rental that was managed by Destination Leavenworth. There were renters occasionally and we never had any issues. This Spring, they sold their cabin and since then, there has been a non-stop parade of renters in two units, even during the covid lockdown times. The renters have ranged from families to full blown parties. This last weekend we had a bachelor party going on replete with booming loud music, binge drinkers, yelling and hollering. They lugged huge logs from the river and proceeded to try to burn them even though the wood extended out 2-3 feet on either side of the regulation size fire pit. They roared up and down our dirt gravel road, posted with please go slow, keep the dust down signage and when signalled to slow down, we were greeted with the objectionable sign language. When they checked out, they drove across the median of our shared driveway and out our driveway with their pick up truck and boat on a trailer!! We have no number to call. Vacasa maintains a website and we've emailed and gotten no response. I've talked to the cleaners who only refer us to the website. Our only recourse is to call the Sheriff and we hate to take their time plus we also hear that unless there is violence, they rarely deal with STR issues. We should have a number to call and someone who is responsible for these STRs should be on site in a reasonable amount of time (30 min) to deal with ANY issues that arise.
Then there is the issue of garbage piling up. Photos attached. This is unsanitary, and attracts rodents and bears to our neighborhood. Additionally, The CDC says that there should be a 12 hour time period between renters and cleaning staff. Next door, renters are out by noon, cleaners in by 1 pm and new renters are in by 4 pm. It is impossible to clean these cabins to covid-19 prevention standards in that short amount of time. I've observed the cleaners and they DO NOT wear masks while cleaning. All this puts the cleaners and the next renters' health at risk. My address is 12370 Meacham Rd. Leavenworth, WA 98826.
The STR is 12364 Meacham Rd. Leavenworth, WA. 98826
I do not know who the owners are, but I will be making the effort to find out.
I am in full favor of the proposed regulation on STR's in Chelan county. In fact, I don't think that they go far enough and should be phased out of neighborhoods completely in as short of time as possible. Not only would this end the scourge of disrespectful renters for our neighborhoods and all the associated problems that come with this type of occupancy, but it would potentially free up housing for actual Chelan county residents.
Please contact me to let me know how you plan to vote on these regulations and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.
Sincerely,
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