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Dear Sir/Madam:
I absolutely believe there must be some limitations on STRs in Chelan County. It is horrible to live in a residential area and have huge party houses next door or never have any idea who your neighbor is going to be next week or weekend. Many absentee landlords have no skin in the game except financial. That said,I see things from many perspectives - a local vacation cabin resident; alocal part time resident with a business in Wenatchee; a STR owner; a full time resident and part timer on the West Side; and long term rental owner. I have been a property owner in the area since 1987. The area near Lake Wenatchee where I spent 20 years is now almost exclusively STRs and has lost it's character. We have recently relocated to Plain.

HIstorically, there were a few STRs in the Lake Wenatchee development I was part of for 20 years. Some of those folks have local roots and they were all incredibly responsible neighbors. I know they rely on this income. Some of the STRs are owned by folks who use their place about half the time as second homes. They are also easy to work with, and I believe could not afford their second homes without the help of this income. A few are run by companies and we never see the whites of the owner's eyes. Those seem to be the party houses.

I believe that STRs need to be licensed and not allowed to have more than 8-10 people . More than that, and it should be a B&B commercial business. I also think that STRs should only be allowed to be used for that purpose perhaps 1/2 of the time. That way, owners will be there sometimes and they can make some income. I think there should be a grandfather process that takes into account COVID. LIke I said, I personally know folks who are great and responsible owners and will really be hurt if that income is just taken away from them.

I think a compromise is in order.
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