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Further to my previous letter. Again I would like to express dismay the City would think about getting involved in the rental market that works best as "free market" Controlling this market in any way affects the entire real estate market. There are many investors purchasing properties with intention of short and long term tenancy agreements. Any restrictions is a mistake. In past 20 years I have been a long term tenancy investor. However due to the poor quality of tenants and the tenancy act, I have been forced to short term. Long term landlords have to replace windows, flooring, and repair entire home each time a tenant vacates. The tenancy act prohibits landlords from removing these tenants in a timely manner and allows for even more damage to be done. This is not a realistic situation to expect owners to keep a property in good repair when they get trashed again within days. I typically rent 30 days or more. I would estimate 2 months out of each year I use airbnb to fill in vacant months. I prefer longer term 1-4 months but I cannot control this. I object having to purchase a license for multiple properties for 2 months out of the year. My properties are in premium condition and looked after since switching to short term. Air bnb income is less, but less damages to repair leaving me with more time at my job. You are concerned about less long term properties for the public. I understand this, but you need to understand investors are selling their inventory because they are sick and tired of repairs. There will be less inventory regardless in the future until the province deals with the tenancy act and social services adjusts their strategy. These 2 issues are the reason for homelessness and reason landlords are going to short term or getting out of the business all together. Nobody wants to rent to the poor quality of tenants in the past 5 years. Please dont expect Landlords to provide charity to a

social problem. I am not interested in being restricted as a Landlord or forced to rent to charity tenants and pay a large renovation bill each year. Using air bnb platform 8 weeks out of the year does not warrant a fee from the City. I ask that you consider Landlords using airbnb platform less than 3 consecutive months per year exempt from any obligations to conform.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/360007>