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Date Friday, August 28, 2020 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Cameron Last Name Choquette Phone Number Email eo@skla.ca Address 300 3rd Ave S City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7K 1M5 Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Saskatchewan Landlord Association Subject Short Term Accommodations - File No. CK 4350-71 Meeting (if known) Public Hearing Meeting - August 31, 2020 Comments Please see the attached comments for consideration at the public hearing meeting of Council on August 31, 2020 for the file indicated above. Attachments saskatoon shorttermaccomodations skla.pdf

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City of Saskatoon His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council 222 3rd Ave North Saskatoon, SK S7K oJ5

RE: Proposed Regulations for Short-Term Accommodations

This letter is in response to the regulations being proposed for short-term accommodations. Our Association is appreciative of the Administration's consultation with our members and are happy to provide additional insight moving forward. We encourage City Council to consider the following:

- Landlords are traditionally not involved in providing short-term accommodations but operate with tenancies on a month-to-month or term basis. This means that the overwhelming majority of our tenancies are 30 days or longer.
- Landlords and tenants are currently regulated under the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006.
- Section 5 of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* states several accommodations that the *Act* <u>does not</u> apply to. These include hotels, motels, and tourist homes, however there is no clear interpretation or legal precedent when it comes to accommodation providers like AirBnb.
- There is relatively no competition between rental property owners and those who are providing short-term accommodations because the clientele utilizing short-term accommodations are much more transient and fluid than traditional tenants in month-to-month or term tenancies.
- Zoning regulations and licensing regimes should not prohibit the role of the rental market in Saskatoon but should create an environment that encourages a sustainable and safe rental market for people at all income levels.
- A healthy housing mix consists of an adequate supply of rental homes that meet the needs of Saskatoon citizens.

Our Association would be happy to assist the Administration in the development and implementation of future regulations for short-term accommodations. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cameron Choquette, Executive Officer