

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Anthony Bortolussi s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 2:32 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Public Hearing Comments for Short Term Rentals

Hello, my postal code is s.22(1) Personal and C. I am a Vancouver resident and I would like to comment on the Short Term Rentals hearing tonight. I am in heavy favour of extreme restrictions on AirBnB style accommodations.

Comments:

-I applaud most of what you're proposing in this document: <http://council.vancouver.ca/20171024/documents/phea1summary.pdf>

-It would be best to ban all AirBnB style residents, **except** for single rooms within a person's primary residence.

-Charge a **fine of a minimum of \$20,000.00 for violators**, many of these people own multiple full condos that they are renting out. We all read the story of the person who was renting out over 20 Vancouver condo's on AirBnB (<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/vancouver-top-airbnb-earners-are-commercial-hosts-research/article30324477/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>) Should be **\$20,000 per condo**, forcing them to sell.

-Create a team that enforces these rules, and reports their results to the public.

Thank you for your time!

-Anthony

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From: Armando Dorantes Bollain y Goytia s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 7:19 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: AirBNB Public Hearing

Hi,

I am reaching out to let you know that I support any initiative that curtails, or outright bans AirBnB in the city of Vancouver. I live in a building downtown that is plagued by AirBNB illegal suites, which not only creates a security risk, but is a blatant disregard for the existing laws.

As someone who rents, I found it discouraging to see many listings that offer to rent only during non-tourist season, for furnished suites that are clearly used solely for AirBNB during the summer months.

Please enact legislation that will ban these types of suites, and enforce the law so it's not just a symbolic gesture.

Regards,

Concerned citizen of Vancouver

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From: Hope Pavey s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:39 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Showing my Support for Increased AirBnB Regulations

I support increasing the regulations on the short term rental / AirBnB market. A majority of the AirBnB's are run by corporations, and are just acting as hotels in residential areas. They take up units that could be used for our already tight rental market, and often do not obey the current regulations in place on them.

Sincerely,

Hope Rowsell

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From: Dylan Rowsell s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: I Support More Regulation/Banning of the Short Term Rental Market

I am in support of higher regulations or the outright banning of the short term rental market. It directly effects the long-term rental market. Current regulations are not good enough as the hosts in this city seem to ignore the rules anyways.

Thank-you,
Dylan Rowsell



Mayor and Council Feedback

Case number: 101010326608

Case created: 2017-10-24, 11:07:00 AM

Incident Location

Address: 311 UNADDRESSED LOCATION, VANCOUVER, VAN 311

Address2:

Location name:

Contact Details

Name: DIANA COLLINS

Address: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Address2:

Phone: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Email: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

- 1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why): Mayor Robertson and Council,

I feel very strongly that short term rentals such as Air B&B should be limited to the owners principal residence and should be licensed with the license number clearly shown on every rental listing.
- 2. Type of feedback: Neutral
- 3. Department: Mayor and Council
- 4. Were any other cases or service requests created as a result of this feedback? No
- 5. If Yes, provide case number(s) or other relevant details:
- 6. (Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call back?): Unknown
- 7. Select category: Housing and Homelessness
- 8. Select topic: Short-term Rentals
- 9. Specific area of concern: Licensing
- 10. Neighbourhood: City-wide
- 11. Original Client: Diana Collins
- 12. Original Email address: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
- 13. Original address:

Additional Details

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From: Matt Carter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Short Term Rentals

I am in favour of allowing short-term rentals only in the owner's principal residence unit, provided they have a valid business license.

Unlicensed short-term rentals in this city are in violation of current laws and the lack of enforcement by the city is disheartening. While disallowing unlicensed short-term rentals of secondary units will not solve the housing crisis in Vancouver, every step counts.

Regards,

Matt Carter

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From: ivo svorinic s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING
Importance: High

I am writing you regarding BB in the city . I leave on s.22(1) Personal and Confidential and you need to be here from April until October to see how many vehicles and people going in and out of the houses. There also 3 new houses build with lane houses and it is imposable to park on the street not even on the opposite street. Daily there are over 15 to 25 vehicles in and out and parked any which way. I been here for 37 years and never seen like this year noise and parking nightmare. I support the propped rules to curb the traffic and congestion, nose in all hours of the day and night.

Please visit the area and you will see.

Ivo Svorinich

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From: Alex [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Regulating short term rentals open hearing

Hello,

I would like to submit my vote AGAINST banning short term rentals

Trevor Loke

October 24, 2017

City Clerk's Office
Vancouver City Hall
453 W 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

RE: 1. Short-Term Rental By-laws

Dear Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council,

I am writing to you today with great respect for your service to our city. Vancouver has proudly led public policy initiatives on a number of difficult files over the years with courage and remarkable success. As leaders who have helped to build our city, my hope is that you will chart a course to set policy that will help to deal with the crisis' that are top of mind for renters like myself: affordability and housing.

The shift to a sharing economy is about utilizing existing resources to generate new sources of income. At a time when demand for space and housing is at a critical juncture, incentives encouraging empty space is the opposite of what will help, and yet that is what current policy does. As a renter today, I cannot allow someone into a space that I have lived in for more than six and a half years without the express permission of my building management. As a result, owners and landlords are able to reap rewards while renters pay for empty space anytime we choose to with stay with friends or family, travel out of town, or want to share.

Do I believe that secondary incomes should be the norm in a city like ours? No - I would like to hope that in the future, wages and salaries for young people alone will be enough to cover the cost of living. Until this reality comes about, we need solutions to deal with lack of affordability for young renters and help alleviate the housing crisis. The proposal to set a framework that protects people who want to share their space is a positive step forward on many fronts. Don't believe me? Let's look at the numbers.

- City staff estimate there are about 5,900 people sharing their homes in Vancouver
- 85% are sharing only one home

Home sharing is helping thousands of Vancouver families deal with the rapidly rising cost of housing in this city. The extra income from home sharing is helping them find a place to live that they can afford, as well as helping them afford to stay in their neighbourhoods and communities.

According to Airbnb's website the typical host in Vancouver earns \$6,500/year. A survey released by Airbnb found that 53 per cent of Vancouver hosts report being able to stay in their homes because of supplemental income earned through Airbnb. This is a real, significant and positive impact.

People I grew up with tell me that they don't see a future in Vancouver so long as the trend in affordability continues. The opportunities are greater elsewhere and the cost of living is more reasonable. The status-quo simply hasn't worked for our city.

Change can be hard. Uncertainty is always something that looms over us when we consider big changes such as this. Those concerns haven't stopped us from leading the way before and shouldn't stop us now. We have to protect renters and afford renters the opportunity to benefit from the sharing economy. We can set clear rules that will allow those most in need to have a chance to realize the opportunities of the sharing economy and take on two top-mind issues, housing and affordability, in a way that puts people first and provides flexibility.

Thank you,

Trevor Loke