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I've put together some content regarding this city council meeting this Monday and I plan on going. Here's some points I'd like to present:

I want to know the statistics of aired complaints from neighbors that live next to long-term rentals. Secondly, I want to hear the statistics of aired complaints from homeowners living next to other home owners complaining about each other. I want the statistics of loud exhaust pipes from motorcycles, hot rods, alcohol consumption, domestic fights/yelling, neighbors complaining about yards, dogs barking, etc from long term rentals and homeowners living next to home owners. I want to hear the aired complaints about short term rentals. Even though there are much fewer short term rentals than the above mentioned, I want to hear the aired complaints from short term rentals. I'm positive the short term rental properties will have much fewer complaints, as the Airbnb/Vrbo tenant, doesn't want to lose their privilege to use the platform, as they know that the owner of the short term rental will rate the tenant in public whether they were a good tenant or not. Most short term

rentals have rules that the tenant must agree to by booking the property. Almost all short term rental homes have the exterior of their homes with multiple security cameras, which also provides extra security to the neighborhood and city.

Airbnb/Vrbo short term rental properties bring thousands of dollars to La Crosse in hotel fees that Airbnb/Vrbo collect and pay directly to the city. Cleaning companies benefit from these homes as they're hired to clean between tenants. The home owner also pays property tax and income tax from the short term rental. As short term rental owners, we have spent thousands of dollars at the La Crosse Menards store and local plumbing/heating contractors making our homes beautiful and desirable inside and outside for our tenants, where the previous owners didn't care about the properties. Neighbors to both of our properties will openly admit that we've increased the neighborhood property values due to what we've done to our homes. Why have a placard placed on a short term rental property and not a long term rental property, this thought process is absurd. Does the city require long term rental properties to have mgmt within 30 miles of La Crosse? Firefighters and paramedics need to live within a certain radius of the city for obvious reason, a property owner for a short term rental does not, nor should need to have a mgmt company within 30 miles. We have plumbers and electricians at our fingertips a phone call away. \$1,000 registration fee and \$250 a year are just a money grabbing penalties against

capitalism and free enterprise, nothing more. Any rental property, short term or long term, should be inspected to be safe for tenants. Example, no tenants sleeping in basements with no egress window, working smoke alarms, co detectors, are all reasonable safety measures.

Short term rentals bring thousands of dollars of tourism to La Crosse. Many of these people wouldn't have visited La Crosse if they hadn't had the option of staying in a short term rental where they can cook for their special dietary needs.

If these short term rentals are such an issue, why would the city want to enact a 6 day minimum stay? For a neighbor that hates a short term renter being there 3 days, will a 6 day stay make him hate it less? No, what the city is doing is trying to do is close short term rentals, as most tourists are here for 2-3 day weekends.

The city crying about short term rentals is like taxi cabs complaining about Uber. The city needs to get caught up with technology, it's here to stay. Uber/Lyft and Airbnb/Vrbo are good for cities and communities. So are smart phones, as a society aren't going back to rotary dial phones and a Super 8 as our only choice in life.

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