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Dear City Council Members

I am in favor of the regulation of STR's in La Crosse.

Here are some suggested concepts that should be included in the policy.

These are some controls to ask for:

- A public hearing must be held prior to conversion to allow neighbors within 300 feet of the proposed conversion to provide input and raise special concerns.
- No current location grandfathered in.
- The owner's and property management's contact information must be provided to all properties within 300 feet. Proper management must be located within 30 miles and available at all times to respond to issues.
- Number of occupants shall not exceed limits of Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, must be posted in STR, and must be stated in the permit.
- Limit the number permits of STRs in residential areas.
- Placard visible from street right-of-way containing telephone number and name of local property management representative.
- Outdoor activity, and any amplified sound, must be between 10:00am – 10:00pm, with limits on size of activity based on space.
- No excessive noise, fumes, glare.
- Yards must be maintained to match neighborhood upkeep.
- Garbage pick-up – timely.
- Parking is an issue and must be addressed.
 - Parking plans in place, with parking only in driveways and in front of STR.
 - No vehicle traffic should be greater than normally expected in the neighborhood.
- Maximum number of days the dwelling may be rented shall not exceed 180 days per calendar year.
- Minimum property rental period is to be 6 consecutive days.
- Fee: \$1,000 registration with annual \$250.00 renewal and health inspection \$250.00.
- Identify fines for poorly run STRs.
- Fire plan must be given to the fire department.
- Complaint telephone line created for reporting issues.

I believe Madison, WI has done a great job developing an ordinance. I believe La Crosse can also be the leader in developing an ordinance that is right for neighborhoods. Just like the Comprehensive Plan, it takes time to get it right.

Here are some examples from around Wisconsin.

Madison

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/bi/short-term-rentals/3440/>

Ashwaubenon

<https://ashwaubenon.gov/government/departments/building-inspection/short-term-rentals/>

Oconomowoc

https://library.municode.com/wi/oconomowoc/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_CH29SHRMRE_29.02_OPSHRMRECR22-O1032

Hudson

<https://ecode360.com/37011044>

Let me know if you have time to connect or if you have questions.

Thank you,

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