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Subject: Proposed Zoning Amendments: Bed and Breakfast Establishments

Question/Comment:

Hello, please share these comments with Mr. Behrendt.

Regarding the proposed B&B ordinance changes, there are two areas where the current proposal creates practically insurmountable barriers for residents to achieve:

1. Section H.5. This paragraph should be clarified. Does this mean the resident is not even allowed to leave the property go to church or to the grocery store? That is how this paragraph

could be construed as written. Please change this to clarify that the owner must be currently residing in the property or some such language.

2. Section H.7. This paragraph, requiring proof of rooms and meals tax license, is over and above the town's licensing responsibility. AirBNB remits rooms and meals payments directly to the State, so residents renting only through AirBNB do not need a rooms and meals license, from the state's perspective. The effect of this paragraph would be to require residents renting through AirBNB to obtain a state license which they would have to report ZERO to the state on a monthly basis. My past experience with other state agencies (unemployment reporting) is that after several \$zero reports, the state closes the account. Therefore this line may be in conflict with how the DRA operates.

I realize you may disregard this comment because it is submitted anonymously. That is of course your prerogative. The fact of the situation is that town staff have targeted residents for enforcement actions based on comments like this, and therefore I am not comfortable providing my name even on these technical matters.

I view the items above as technical, factual matters.

From a matter of opinion, the reason we have this problem in our town is the lack of hotel space and affordable housing to support demand created by organizations in our town. This situation is self-inflicted, and bans just make things worse, not better.

Sincerely,

Concerned citizen