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My General Comments on 3/26/24 STR Ordinance Draft:

1. Definition of "Event" needs work. The Draft Ordinance just says "Events" are not allowed. That is a very broad category that could include a family of 4 celebrating their son's birthday, or 6 women renting for a Scrapbooking Weekend. Please update this definition to align with the committee's intent. For reference, Airbnb does not allow Parties - which are identified as a "gathering that occurs and causes significant disruption to neighbors and surrounding community".
2. Guidelines are required around "Maximum Occupancy". Should this number include children? Infants? Only overnight guests? If I am renting to a maximum occupancy of 6 people and I stop by to visit ... have we exceeded the Maximum Occupancy?
3. The timing for issuing Licenses must be adjusted earlier. My 2024 reservations were opened May 1 2023. And the entire 2024 was fully reserved by October 2023. For 2025, I would want to have the License by May 1, 2024. Others, with larger homes, may require even earlier timing!
4. Consider deleting the requirement to have STRs meet all Building Safety Codes. These codes are updated on a regular basis, typically every three years. The Building Authority does not require a home owner to "keep up" with code changes.

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