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Dear Empire Village Council:

A Nov. 14 letter to the village council from Lawrence Epple touts a need for short-term rentals in our village. He explains his position that short-term rentals and tourism benefit our village. There is no doubt that out-of-towners enjoy housing for a few days or weeks; however, those who visit Empire for various amenities do not contribute to the village beyond bringing in money to various enterprises. Even some of the rental owners do not fully engage with the community other than paying their taxes, but not really contributing to the workings of the village. Most of the rental owners do not even vote in the village of Empire because they don't live here long enough to warrant that privilege. If we become a village of short-term rentals, eventually there will be no one left to run the village.

Thank you.

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