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Subject: Support for Short-Term Rental Ordinance
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Ketchum to pursue a standalone license program for short-term rentals with new regulations.

As a 30-year-old Ketchum resident, I have experienced firsthand how few long-term rentals there are here, in part due to the proliferation of STRs. I know many younger residents of Ketchum who have been forced to seek new housing when their landlords decided to transition their rental unit to an STR. The problem feels much greater now than when I arrived in Ketchum a little over four years ago.

I certainly recognize the Council's limitations when it comes to regulating STRs due to Idaho Law, and I appreciate that the Council is developing this ordinance based off of other Idaho models to do what they can in this respect. I fully support the intent of the draft ordinance, and I have one suggestion for how it might be strengthened:

- Under 'Permit Requirements' Section H, I think a 6-month grace period (rather than the proposed 1-year grace period) is sufficient. The nature of the current housing crisis is such that we should be looking to move as expeditiously as possible on this issue (within reason).

I also would advise the Council to look at what the city of Aspen has recently considered in terms of STR regulations: <https://www.aspentimes.com/news/aspen-short-term-rentals-in-for-more-city-regulations/>. Some of what they are considering there would likely not be possible under current Idaho law, but other elements could be considered (e.g. having STR licenses only be valid for 6 months rather than a year).

Thank you all for your work on this and I hope to see this STR Ordinance move forward.

Regards,

Josh Johnson
Ketchum resident