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Inspiring Women to Seek God's Grace

Community & Economic Development Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

"Above all else,
guard your heart,
for everything you
do flows from it."

Proverbs 4:23

Thank you for your review of my proposed amendment to Section 6.505 – Short Term Rentals.

After recently escorting my neighbor to the Hospital for a heart issue, in the waiting room I ran into a family of teenagers. After overhearing their story and speaking with their pastor, I felt compelled to offer a service to our community that I have resided in since purchasing my home in 2001. The mother of these children was dying, and the pastor was walking these children through what to do with finances, funeral arrangements, etc. following her death. When I learned that these 4 youth were from Joplin, MO. and wanting to stay close by, I saw an opportunity our community currently doesn't offer.

As an empty nester, with plenty of extra space I opened my home up to this family. But that one event planted a seed with how can my home welcome other families in need of short-term housing?

So I began exploring Short Term Rental options for the excessive space I now have in my home. And I was shocked to hear some of the stories of the families that would like to stay at my residence. I have attached stories in **Exhibit A**.

Since the location of my home is located so close to the current "Old Town Master Development Plan area", I have proposed changing the Zoning area to include what I am calling the "Langsford/Todd George Square". I have attached proposed zoning change map as **Exhibit B**.

And to accommodate families like those in the attached stories, I am also proposing changing the number of rooms rented from two to three.

I look forward to working with the city to see how we can bring additional revenue to the city, while helping families like these stay close together during these times.

Sincerely,

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Exhibit A

Dying Mother

I recently met a family whose mother was in the hospital dying of cancer. This family resided in Joplin, MO. The family was in town trying to find accommodations to stay close by their mother during her final days here. There was no father in the picture. The 4 young adults ranged in age from 13-20. They were hoping to find a VRBO to stay in, so they could remain close to their mother. However, the City of Lee's Summit, does not have many VRBO options to offer, because of the limit area in which VRBO's are available. And the size of any VRBO's would not have accommodated this family.

Father Visitation

I met another family interested in renting my house on a monthly basis. A divorced father, currently living in Tulsa, OK. has visitation with his son biweekly. He travels to Lee's Summit, to have visitation with his son who lives with his mother in Lake Lotawana. The father has remarried and now has a newborn. He would prefer to rent my house during his visitation with his son to provide normal family time with his son.

Family Reunion

Another family interested in renting my house is coming to Lee's Summit for a Family Reunion late this summer. They are traveling with their 92-year-old grandma and looking for a place that can allow them to spend time together and provide amenities like a walk-in shower and walk out deck, where grandma can feel welcome and comfortable.

Baseball Tournament

Nothing says family time, like hanging out after a baseball game. One family is traveling to Lee's Summit for their two kids to play in a Baseball tournament at Legacy Park Ball Fields. This family was looking for accommodations that were close to the fields and could allow them some downtime in between games. Being able to cool off in an outdoor pool, while BBQing on the deck was appealing to them.

Exhibit B

Part of my proposal is to add additional zoning to the current area zoned for Short Term Rentals. Below is a map of what I am referring to as Lansford/Todd George Square. Extending the current zone down from 291 down Langsford to Todd George.

