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## Fw: Housing Committee proposals on Short Term Rentals

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**Subject:** Housing Committee proposals on Short Term Rentals

Dear Councilors Cook, Ray, Ali, Duson, and Mayor Strimling,

For over a year, several Munjoy Hill neighbors and I have been in discussions about the problem of Short Term Rentals and the impact on housing availability in Portland, as well as the impact on the neighborhood - from noise to parking to lack of shoveling in the winter to lack of proper trash/recycling preparation which can cause a big mess on the sidewalks. Some operators are chronic bad neighbors in these last areas.

I support the amendments proposed by Councilor Cook and Councilor Ray and Mayor Strimling in the 9/26 meeting, and I do NOT support any grandfathering of the old regulations for current operators. It is relatively simple to convert an STR unit into a long term rental, so there is no real hardship to these current operators. At the most, they could be given a grace period of a couple of months to accomplish the conversion or to honor future bookings which have already been made - HOWEVER, future bookings should be frozen at the time of adoption of the new policies.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,  
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