

Short Term Rental (STRs) Update and Action Needed

The City Planning and Zoning Commission approved the KISS solution on December 8 and forwarded the item to the City Council for their review and action. The KISS solution deals with land use and affirms that Short Term Rentals operate as hotels and are consequently considered commercial endeavors. As such, they should not be allowed to operate in residential areas. City Staff still needs to finalize regulations for operations that are considered commercial. The Quality of Life Committee is planning to review the KISS solution and will report to the City Council this month. The City Council will meet later this month to review and, hopefully, take action.

For the past three years, the City of Dallas has assigned task force after task force to review STRs and recommend how the City should respond. As this review has dragged on, residents have had more and more exposure to “bad actors.” Many of you have seen the news coverage of the violence associated with these STR operations. Recently, police in Dallas and Plano have even reported brothels operating out of STRs. We have already had a teenager shot at a party at an STR near Spring Creek and Bolsa.

You have raised your concerns to limit STRs to commercial areas to NDNA. We have been actively lobbying on your behalf for the past three years. As the hearing with the City Council approaches, we urge you to send emails to your Council Member and even to the entire City Council and Mayor. This is an important issue and requires a grass roots effort to counter the millions of dollars Airbnb, Vrbo, and other organizations are pumping into the coffers of politicians here and at the state level. *Voice your opinion about prohibiting STRs in residential neighborhoods.*

A list of all email addresses for City Council Members, the Mayor, and their assistants is on our website. Please take the time to send letters or emails to your representatives. It can be a simple:

Please do not allow further delays in resolving the matter of STRs. We count on you to protect the sanctity of our neighborhoods. We do not want our families, especially our children, exposed to a constant stream of transients in our area. Vote to approve the KISS solution and then consider additional regulations. We need your support now!

If you approve of STRs in your neighborhood, we encourage you to weigh in and have your voice heard as well.