

On June 5, 2022 the Fort Worth Star Telegram published an op-ed from Texas Neighborhood Coalition and United Neighborhoods of Fort Worth urging the city council NOT to weaken the long-standing ban on short-term rentals, that is unsupervised and unstaffed mini-hotels in residential neighborhoods. United Neighborhoods of Fort Worth represents hundreds of neighborhood associations across that city.

The majority of these mini-hotels are owned by corporate purchasers who often operate multiple STRs in a single city. Thus, while we were dismayed, we were further surprised to see on June 3rd that the Star Telegram published an article documenting that last year a full one-half of homes sold in Tarrant County were purchased by a corporation or a company. If you have access to that paper, please see

[https://www.star-telegram.com/news/business/growth/article262123032.html?ac\\_cid=DM654846&ac\\_bid=72456403](https://www.star-telegram.com/news/business/growth/article262123032.html?ac_cid=DM654846&ac_bid=72456403)

Of course, many of these companies/corporate buyers are undoubtedly hoping that the Fort Worth City Council can be lobbied into approving the widespread proliferation of STRs all across the neighborhoods in Fort Worth. (For decades, STRs have only been permitted in areas of the city outside residential areas.)

If you want to preserve the sense of community, security and belonging that comes from living near neighbors you know and trust, as opposed to a revolving door of transients, please contact your specific neighborhood association and make your voice heard. If you need help identifying the person or persons with whom you should speak, please communicate with us by going to the “contact us” link at the top of our home page or contact us at:

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