

Recent Letters to Editor of DMN on STRs (dated Nov. 14, 2022):

- Kay Wrobel’s letter: "No short-term rentals in Plano"
- Ed Zahra’s letter: STRs are "Illegal land use, plain and simple"

No short-term rentals in Plano

Re: “Tread Lightly, Plano — Banning short-term rentals would be a mistake, so look at Frisco’s policy for guidance,” Nov. 4 editorial.

Short term rentals benefit two groups — the owner of the home who derives income from renting his/her home to tourists and the city of Plano that collects tax revenue. Both of these two entities would certainly object to a Plano ban on short-term rentals because they are making money from the venture.

The one group who doesn’t benefit from this concept are the people who live in the neighborhood with those rentals. Did anyone think to ask them about their feelings on the subject? I can guarantee not one homeowner wants the noise, congestion and frequent groups of people coming in and out of the rentals in their neighborhood.

Why is there even need for short-term rentals in Plano? The city is not nationally known as a tourist destination. Most visitors to the city are here either for business or visiting friends or relatives. We have hotels for that. We don’t need short-term rentals, and, most of all, homeowners who live in those neighborhoods don’t want them.

Kay Wrobel, Plano

Illegal use, plain and simple

Plano homeowners have the right to ban short-term rentals. Everyone forgets that when you sign on the dotted line for the biggest investment in your life, you understand the zoning restrictions that come with the property.

One of the main attractions of the single-family quality of life is that no commercial business uses are allowed and owners expect the city to have their back when a violation occurs.

Short-term rentals are identified as hotels under the state and city Hotel Occupancy Tax code. They are a commercial business just like the hotels they imitate and are not allowed in single-family zoning.

It doesn’t matter to zoning restrictions if they are run by good or bad operators, used for extra income or to fill the city coffers with tourist dollars. Every short-term rental located in a single-family zoned district is an illegal land use, plain and simple.

Ed Zahra, Dallas

