

CVRD: Short Term Rentals

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Hello!

I saw that the CVRD is considering short term rental laws this wednesday and I wanted to add my input. I live at [REDACTED] in N Cowichan, which I believe is within the CRVD voting district.

My wife and I have a basement unit that we would like to rent out short term on Air BnB. It's a legal suite with all the finishes, and insurance in place. We are not able to get a business license even though we've tried because our area is not zoned for STRs. The only option presented was to go through a lengthy and costly re-zoning process. We've decided not to do that because we don't have the resources to do so, but we would very much like to use our own property as we see fit. The unit meets all the provincial requirements for SRTs, but we are unable to rent it because of the local laws. We have no intention to rent it long term because we don't want to deal with long term tenants and we like to keep the space open for guests and family visits.

So in short - we are not taking a unit off the market for long term renters, but the laws are preventing us from using our own space to supplement our income and provide a safe and friendly place for local tourism. We'd be very much in favor of allowing SRTs in our area.

Thanks!

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