

Good evening. As an alumna of Wells College and frequent visitor to Aurora, I oppose the proposed regulation to limit the number of short term rentals available in Aurora.

I have rented from Aurora Mainstays 3 times in the past and have a reservation for May of 2025 scheduled. My classmates and I enjoy staying in Aurora and Mainstays is our favorite choice. The Inns of Aurora are too expensive and frequently unavailable during Wells' Reunions and other times throughout the year. Rooms in dorms at the College do not provide the amenities (full kitchens, comfortable gathering places, large porches, etc.) as the Mainstays properties, nor are the accommodations as comfortable for those of us who've graduated many years ago! My classmates and I rented three houses for our Reunion in 2019 and we rented 2 houses in the Summer of 2022 to celebrate a group birthday milestone. We have rented 3 houses that I am aware of for Reunion of 2024 and as mentioned above, there are 3 houses that I know of rented for Reunion of 2025.

Aurora's Mainstays' properties are always clean and well maintained. There are well marked and secure containers for trash and recyclables. My classmates and I feel safe, well taken care of, and a part of the Aurora community when staying in the Mainstay properties. Jacci Farlow is always close by and able to answer any questions or issues that may arise (although they never have!). We adhere to the quiet time listed in the Mainstay's guidelines, and we park where parking is designated. We always go to the Inn for brunch our last breakfast, typically have at least 1 meal at the Fargo, we support the Farmer's Market in season, spend money at MacKenzie Childs, and we attend the Chicken Barbeque in Union Springs if the weekends coincide.

Should we be unable to rent in Aurora, we would most likely look for an AirBnB in the Auburn or Skaneateles areas. We would most likely patronize restaurants and stores that were closer to the property where we were staying and not come to Aurora as frequently, if at all.

I hope you will seriously consider the impact not only local businesses, including Aurora Mainstays, but to those of us who consider Aurora a second home and would be unable to stay if there were not properties like Aurora Mainstays for us to rent.

Thank you for your consideration.

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