

To the Aurora Village Board of Trustees,

Since 2016 we have had many family members and friends utilize the Aurora MainStays properties owned and operated by Jacci and Virgil Farlow multiple times each year. Stays have lasted from a single night to over a week, and the Farlows have been able to provide accommodations ranging from a single room to an entire house depending on the number of people visiting Aurora. The prices have always been reasonable and Jacci has gone out of her way to find a space to stay when needed.

Although I live locally, I have joined family members at all of the locations both to visit and to spend the night for a "stay-cation" experience. The accommodations have always been kept in impeccable condition. They are spotlessly cleaned and well stocked with food and drinks, dishes, towels, and bathroom products. The Farlows provide immediate response if anything is needed throughout the stay.

While we support local businesses on an ongoing basis, having visitors in town increases our likelihood to patronize the 1833 Kitchen, the Fargo, the Market, and Mackenzie-Childs. We have often timed their visits to coincide with events such as wine dinners, boat tours, the Mackenzie-Childs barn sale and artisan festival, and events at the Aurora Free Library. We have utilized the Inns of Aurora walking trail and taken tours of the Inns properties during visitors' stays. Staying in Aurora MainStays properties has given us the opportunity to walk from one location in the village to another.

What makes these properties desirable is they give visitors the opportunity to "live" in the Village of Aurora during their stay. It would be very disheartening to see access to these accommodations limited or discontinued. We hope you will take these considerations into account when formulating your proposed Short Term Rental Law.

Sincerely, Lisa Semenza (Poplar Ridge)