

To Aurora Village Board:

We were unable to attend the recent zoom meeting regarding short term rentals, but I have read the materials forwarded by the Village.

We feel the proposed changes to short term rentals are too restrictive and harmful to long term village residents who rely on short term rentals.

Specifically, this has a direct negative impact on Aurora Mainstays run by Jacci and Virgil Farlow. Jacci and Virgil are long time Aurora residents and we have observed that they are always very welcoming to all new members of our community. They also provide a necessary service. Earlier this year we were displaced from our home for almost 6 months due to frozen pipes and extensive water damage. We wanted to remain in Aurora during this time period and the Inns of Aurora was certainly not an option for this long term stay. The Farlows helped us pick the right unit to meet our needs. They moved furniture between units to better suit us. When we had family visit during this stay, they provided an adjacent unit to accommodate our need. The unit was clean, well maintained and well stocked for our extended stay. In short, they made a very difficult time much easier for us.

The proposed short term rental changes seem very random and will no doubt have an extreme negative impact on the Farlow's business. This is unfortunate because our community needs the service they provide.

I understand your goal of encouraging more full time families and full time rentals in the Village, but this proposal is too restrictive. We are too small of a community to have these extreme restrictions that will pit neighbor against neighbor. You should be looking for the least restrictive way to achieve your goals. Perhaps preclude any rentals for properties purchased after 1/1/24. This would stop future purchases made simply for rental purposes. Along with that, any owner before 1/1/24 should be allowed to transfer the property to their children and those children should be allowed to unrestricted rentals. This stops real estate speculators only seeking rental property and also protects a family's ability to keep the home in the family after parents pass away.

Thanks for your consideration,
Frank and June Losurdo