

Bill and Laurie Roberts completely support the adoption of a Short-Term Rental Law as proposed for all the reasons listed in the draft document.

It is an excellent, thorough draft that must be adopted with community input. Addressing issues of short-term rentals sooner, rather than later, is imperative.

Of particular concern to us is the destruction of the very special Aurora community spirit that we have cherished for more than fifty years.

We realize that Aurora will never be as it was in 1971.

But, the Village must take steps now, as large and small communities across the country are, to address STRs and to protect their residents, property owners, and renters.

The Town of Ithaca and the City of Ithaca have recently addressed their unique situations with newly adopted short-term rental laws.

The impact of the rapid increase of so many STRs in Aurora must be addressed now.

The village has become a transient spa location in the good weather and a ghost town in bad.

We are concerned that the housing for buyers who want to live here and be part of a community is neither available or affordable.

We are concerned about the well-being of our outstanding first responders with fewer and fewer potential volunteers available.

We are concerned about the current unregulated nature of safety issues of the rentals properties.

We are concerned that a source of revenue for the Village from permits and room occupancy fees are not being collected.

Thank you to the committee who has researched, written, invited questions and comments from the community, and revised the draft.

Thank you to our elected officials who will now deliberate the issues and implement a Short Term Rental Law for the benefit of Aurora.

Sincerely, Laurie and Bill Roberts