



*Old Louisville
Neighborhood Council*

Old Louisville Motion Neighborhood Council On Short-term Lodging
I am Howard Rosenberg, Chairman of the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council

Companies such as Airbnb.com are soliciting and advertising short-term lodging facilities all over the country and world. However, in Louisville Metro, as in many other cities, the great majority of these short term lodging facilities are in violation of state and local laws and regulations that require government registration, state permits, compliance with local zoning, payment of state and local room and sales taxes, health inspections and fire marshal inspections. Louisville Metro has made a start in citing a few violators, but it must do more to protect the traveling public.

Legitimate hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts follow the law. The problem is that the great majority, although not all, of the hundreds of Airbnb listings in Louisville Metro violate state or local laws and regulations.

All forms of short-term lodging must compete on a level playing field and follow all laws and regulations. No new laws are needed, just enforcement of current laws. **This is a matter of public safety and fairness to all business entities; a level playing field is essential for a healthy economic environment in our community.**

At its May 26, 2015 meeting the Old Louisville Neighborhood Council the representative voice for 21 neighborhood associations voted 16 in favor and 3 opposed to the following motion:

The OLNC supports the enforcement of Louisville Metro laws and regulations such that short-term lodging comply with the same requirement of other lodging facilities. All lodging facilities should be on the same footing respecting Metro codes and ordinances.

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