

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please amend the per night restriction, and allow me to rent out two of the extra bedrooms in my house simultaneously. I used to rent out all the extra rooms in my house on Airbnb, etc. It was a great 7 years. It was my only source of income. Hence. it was the only reason I was able to survive and keep my home. I was previously on disability, and was facing certain foreclosure, but I was able to turn my life around, catch up on all my bills, and also make major repairs and improvements on my property. However, since the home-sharing ordinance went into effect, I'm basically out of business. And if the rules aren't amended, I won't be able to pay all of my bills. I immediately tried to adapt to the new rules and restrictions: I.E. There's a 'granny flat' on the first floor that I've been able to get a full-time tenant for. I've also been able to find a full-time tenant in the bedroom on the 2nd floor, which was easy because it has its own private bathroom. However, the last two bedrooms on the 3rd floor, also where my bedroom is, all share the same bathroom. I've been trying to find roommates but it's been extremely difficult. I've been running ads for months on Craigslist and Roommate Finder, dropping the price each time, and the rooms are still empty. I've also tried renting only one room at a time, but it's impossible to seriously earn any money because there is always some type of overlap with guests. Usually weekends are busy, and often there's nobody here during the week. This restriction prevents about 70-80% of potential bookings. This 'one booking per night' restriction is so oppressive that I'm literally doing everything I can to get my house ready for sale. I just don't understand why I'm being penalized by the city? These were not "units taken off the market". And it's never been a "party house", nor a "boarding house", it's my home. I'm also a deeply rooted member of my community, I've always paid the City's transient occupancy tax, and mostly importantly I depend on this income to keep my home. May I please host TWO simultaneous bookings for short-term guests in the extra bedrooms that share the bathroom with me? It would make all the difference in the world. Thank you, Silver Lake CD-13