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STRs in VGA

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Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 12:16 PM

Dear members of the Government of the Town of Irvington,

My name is Patricia Steele. I have owned a home in Irvington since 2020. The property has provided an opportunity for my family members to gather for the holidays and other important events. I also host short term renters to offset the costs of owning the home.

The town's Comprehensive Plan emphasizes maintaining the community feel, peace and quiet, and other unique characteristics that that make Irvington such an inviting place to live.

I understand business-minded people wanting to jump on the opportunity to have an income producing property added to their portfolio. But, seeing more than 40% of the residences converted to short term rentals in such a short time is sure to inflict damage on the character of a community. Therefore, I sympathize with the rest of the VGA homeowners and do not support the CUP for Crab Trap Rentals.

Please, help Vineyard Grove to maintain a healthy balance and personality.

Warm regards,
Patricia

Laurel Taylor <ltaylor@town.irvington.va.us>
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Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 12:30 PM

I already posted and made copies of the letters online, but I will print extras of your letter for the April 13 meeting.

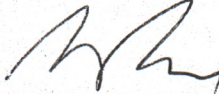
Thanks,
Laurel
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RE: STR CUP # 2023.CRABTRAP

 I have NO objection to the STR CUP application.

 X I have these concerns about the STR CUP application.
Please give details.



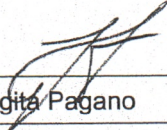
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Irvington Zoning Administrator
Justin Nelson, 804-438-6044 or jnelson@town.irvington.va.us

Dear members of the Planning Commission and the Town Council,

We are full time residents of Irvington and Vineyard Grove.

Virginia and Irvington Zoning Ordinances state that Residential districts should not be spotted by commercial uses, and operating STRs should not change the character of those neighborhoods.

Comprehensive Plan (i.e., the Town's vision, goals, objectives, and strategies) does not mention that the town is in lack of transient lodging facilities. On the contrary, it reflects the residents' desire for Irvington to become a special place to visit and most importantly - an exceptional place to live. While tourism is needed and supported, the goal of protecting sense of community and satisfaction of life of its members is above all others.

It does not matter that the actual word "density" was not previously included in the CUP section of the ordinance. It has always been directly implied by listing the conditions necessary to ensure that CUP use is not in any way detrimental to health, safety and welfare of surrounding properties and persons.

Lastly, there is an alarming sign to us that this LLC may neither be a responsible business operator, nor a considerate neighbor because the new owner of this cottage made it available for an advanced bookings soon after purchasing it. No one should operate a business without obtaining the CUP/business license first.

We are not against STRs per se. But the applications should be receiving a case-by-case review.

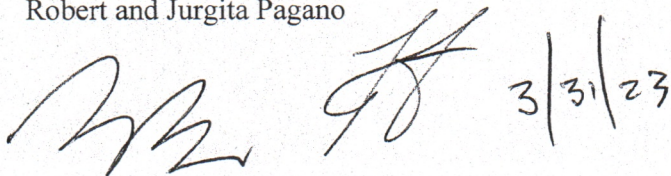
We want to believe that the CUP process for STRs in Residential Areas is there for the reason.

You have the highest power. You work with fairness in mind. The existing ordinances provide enough legal ground to deny a CUP to CrabTrap LLC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Robert and Jurgita Pagano

Handwritten signatures of Robert and Jurgita Pagano and the date 3/31/23.