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City of Newberg  
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RE: CUP23-0006

Dear Planning Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed short term vacation rental located at 210 N School. As a nearby homeowner, I believe that this will negatively impact neighborhood livability.

Our family arrived in Newberg recently, relocating "back home" to Oregon after my husband retired from the military. We love our location, have met our neighbors, and plan to live in the city long term.

I am concerned, however, about increasing the already large number of short term vacation rentals in our neighborhood. This is the third home being transitioned into a short term rental within 500 feet of our house within the last six months. There are at least ten other short term rentals within a few blocks. At what point does the residential zoning become meaningless, as the neighborhood slowly crosses over to become a hotel zone?

I am encouraged that the owner plans to live onsite, instead of solely operating the home as a hotel. But, I believe that it will push our friendly neighborhood farther toward becoming a commercial district. I urge you to decline this permit, and protect our neighborhood's livability.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gann