## A Private Solution to a Public Concern?

Private Restrictive Covenants versus Short Term Rentals, Residential Amenities, and Accessory Dwelling Units

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# **Topics for Discussion**



- Definitions
- Recent Events in Municipal Attempts to Regulate
- Legislative Threats of Preemption (Always!)
- A Modest Proposal for Neighbors Against STRs

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### **Definitions**



**Short-term rental (STR)** means a residential premise, or portion thereof, used for lodging accommodations to occupants for a period of less than thirty (30) consecutive days.





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# **Definitions (cont'd)**



**Residential Amenity Rentals** means a feature or facility that is part of a property used or designed to be used as the home of a person, family or household, including a single-family dwelling, and that is rented for a period of less than 15 hours and not for the purpose of providing sleeping accommodations to a tenant.



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# **Definitions (cont'd)**



#### **Secondary Living Unit**

A second single-family residential living unit located on the same lot as the primary living unit, which provides independent provisions for living/sleeping, cooking, and sanitation. The secondary living unit is only for use by family members or relatives. This unit may either be attached or detached from the primary unit, but it shall not be rented or leased. If attached, has a separate independent entrance not connected to the primary structure. A mobile home or HUD-Code manufactured home shall not be considered an accessory secondary living unit.

Also known as, Accessory Dwelling Units

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# **Definitions** (cont'd)



#### **Household Living**

This use category is characterized by residential occupancy of a dwelling unit by a household. Tenancy is arranged on a month-to-month or longer basis (lodging where tenancy may be arranged for a period of less than 30 days is classified under the "Lodging Facilities" category). Common accessory uses include recreational activities, raising of pets, gardens, personal storage buildings, hobbies, and parking of the occupants' vehicles.

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