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The Village of Empire's Short-Term Rental Committee made it a point to note that the purpose of a Short-Term Rental Ordinance is not to eliminate STRs but to keep track of and manage the unchecked growth of them.

Public commentary for the most part has been against a regulating ordinance. Many of the comments seem to be focused on personal circumstances in that people have financed their rentals and expect a return on their investment, and in some cases helping to finance a future retirement home. Many comments point to the benefit the rentals provide for local business, which is true. In this endeavor, however, each STR, too, is a business. Again, the purpose of the STR ordinance is not to eliminate an owner's business, but to keep track of growth and to be in a position to address any unforeseeable issues.

Many STR owners do not even vote in the village of Empire because they don't live here long enough to warrant the privilege. At one time Empire was a community of families where our children played and went to school together on a school bus full of local youngsters

I fear that if we become a village of short-term rentals, there will be no young families moving into year-round housing in Empire. There will eventually be no one left to run the village.

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