

March 1, 2017

Chairman Steve Smith
Sandy City Council
Emailed Correspondence Only

Re: Short Term Rentals – HB253

Dear Chairman Smith,

As you know, I lobbied heavily for the elimination of the local control provision in HB253 - Short Term Rentals (STR) and was successful in having the State House Sponsor remove that part. The provision stripped the local control of the municipality's right to regulate and thereby permanently allow short terms rentals in our community. We now will continue to have the right to regulate short term rentals in Sandy!

With that stated, I would think that Sandy should have a zone with appropriate legislation and create an STR overlay zone, (using the concepts as established in HB253) would be a good idea.

If we created this STR Overlay Zone, a person who owned a residential property could, like any other property owner who wanted to rezone their property, submit an application to City Staff and go through the process having the city publicize the requested change, hold a public hearing and then have the planning commission and City Council vote on the application to either allow or deny the request making the requested AIRBNB legal and subject to the provisions as established in our proposed new STR Zone.

Can you please place this request on the next available Agenda for discussion with the Council to determine if we collectively want to move this idea forward.

Sincerely,



Chris McCandless – Sandy City Councilman
District Four