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Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 4:31:31 PM
To: Tucker, Matthew; Albouras, Christian
Cc: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Re: Airbnb Regulatiions

Thank you for the information. I'm happy to learn that this change will not hit us with another whopping fee. I guess we can manage getting downtown and picking up an affidavit. I might mention that I am 81 and trips that seemed nothing 20 years ago, have become major events. My daughter runs a small business. Her time to work on bnb matters is small, so a lot of the details of this business are up to me. I am, however, happy to have the extra income. Our home is paid for, but the property taxes are very hard to come by each year. Airbnb allows us to have the house pay for itself.

I'm happy to see that the license plate regulation has been dropped. We find our guests are very reluctant to provide us with address and telephone. I suspect they do not want to get on an email or solicitations list. We've solved that problem by giving them a card to fill out and file away. They prefer that rather than writing in a book, where others can see their information. License plates would be one more thing to worry about.

Ardis Coffman

On 2/14/2020 12:31 PM, Tucker, Matthew wrote:
Hello Alder Albouras and - [Here](#) is a link to the latest ordinance amendment language. [Here](#) and [here](#) are links to memos describing he detail of the ordinance, including the fees. I have a few comments relative to the message below, imbedded below >>

Matt Tucker

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Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 1:48 PM
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

My daughter and I often rent our our guest room through Airbnb. We use the money we make to pay our property taxes and to make improvements on our property. We are a mini business.

The proposed changes to tourist rooming house regulations would create a hardship for us. Often the licensing fee and the price of the inspection comes to more than we make in a month. Now we would have to add in the cost of an affidavit and a fee for a notary republic. >> **The city will have affidavits prepared for a TRH operator to sign at no cost. This is the first I have heard that someone might look to charge a fee to notarize a document. The Building Inspection office has several notaries, we charge nothing to notarize a document and notarize several documents each week. I do not know if it is legal for a notary to charge a person to notarize a document.**

We feel we are the kind of airbnb the city wants to encourage. We rent a room where we live, and we book people for times when hotels cannot accommodate the number of people who want to be in Madison for events like Ironman and UW graduation.

In cracking down on offenders, these new regulations will harm those of us who make very little money. The extra expense will be easily absorbed by the people renting multiple apartments.

I hope you will consider the people like us when you vote on this matter.

Recipient:

Christian A. Albouras