



CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, May 8, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

4. b. [17-199](#) Short-term rental development standards and licensing requirements

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Attachments: [Attachment 1 Ordinance Bill 5-17](#)

[Attachment 2 Planning Commission Recommendation \(March 7, 2017\)](#)

[Attachment 3 Neighborhood Association Comments](#)

[Attachment 4 Airbnb Comments](#)

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Ruth Stellmacher

From: Bryce Bishop
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Ruth Stellmacher
Subject: FW: Contact Bryce Bishop

Hi Ruth,

I just received this comment on the short-term rentals ordinance (Ord. 5-17) through the City's webpage.

Thanks,
Bryce

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net [mailto:webmaster@cityofsalem.net]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Bryce Bishop <BBishop@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Contact Bryce Bishop

Email from the City Contact form app.

Message Type: Contact Bryce Bishop

Details:

- From: Karen Hays at: kahays@msn.com
- Phone: 503-551-5107

- Mailing Address: 105 River St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

- Message Body: Mr. Bishop, This is a last minute reference for Air BNB and other short term rentals. I have been an Air BNB host for a little over a year. These types of rentals provide an economical option for families with children and individuals who want to prepare their own meals and eat in rather than out and for those staying for a week or more. My guests have included medical professionals who are substituting at the hospital or working for medical contractors, parents of Willamette students, parents of foreign exchange students who are living in Salem, couples shopping for homes in Salem and tourists. I am a widow, and my Air BNB income helps me to maintain my home and pay my mortgage. It goes without saying that these guests provide income for many businesses in Salem as well. I have been asked for recommendations for restaurants, entertainment and tourist spots, manicurists, wineries and children's activities. Reasonable and necessary oversight should occur. However, onerous rules and regulations make it too expensive to be in the short term rental business. Thank you for considering my comments. Karen Hays