



A letter to the East Ferris Township Council Regarding AIRBNB in our township

Dear Council,

I am writing at this time to express my concern with the status of AIRBNB in our area. Currently we do not have by-laws set in regard to AIRBNB. As you may know, we currently have some dwellings in East Ferris that are full time AIRBNB's. The owners of these properties currently have no by-laws governing how they rent out their properties and can therefore have daily turn around if they so wish. As a property owner in the area I have many concerns with this. Firstly, we cannot control who the people staying in these short term rentals are or where then are from, which leads to issues of personal and property safety. With the outbreaks of Covid-19 and subsequent lockdowns and stay at home orders of the past year, I can say for certain that I am aware of at least 1 AIRBNB that stayed fully operational consistently throughout that time. Secondly, it has been brought to my attention that a property owner is responsible to disclose if they are adjacent to an AIRBNB when they are selling their home. Clearly this leads to decreased property values in the areas that have an AIRBNB near by.

I propose that we need a bylaw stating that a property owner in our township is limited to no less than a monthly rental period for their clients. I also propose that these property's need to be insured as a business and need to be located in a commercially zoned area.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely, Debra Grand.

x *Apollonia*
Michael Grand