

To Skykomish Mayor Henry Sladek
Skykomish Council Members
Todd Brunner
Shelly Farnham
Frank Martin
Larry Johnson
Gene Egan

RE: STR comments.

Along with Gary and Donna West and others, we were a part of the week-end group. We all knew each other worked with each other on projects for the town in support of the town and built trails.

The new group that you are dealing with are polar opposites from us. Young aggressive who are expecting change. They want the town to provide more entertainment for their STR clientele. Then there is the ski area who are looking at our town and how to use it for their needs.

The problems previous administrations have faced with the Clean Up is nothing compared to what you have to decide, which is, fight to keep one of the few remaining small towns in King Co. a livable community or turn it over to STR's and corporations.

The first thing that will have to be done is to hire a competent Code Enforcement Officer before STR'S are permitted. The town has so many ordinances on the books that are not being enforced, lets not add another one to the group.

- C. Do not understand the wording. We have counted up to eight cars at once at one STR on our street. People we do not even know.
- D. A one hour drive time is to much, when there is a problem such as guns or fires. Fifteen minutes would work. It would also make the owner more responsible. We have no police who are readily available.

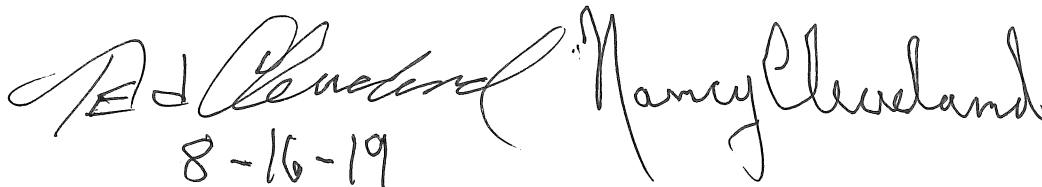
The use of trailers as STR'S has not been addressed. Also for a town this size six STR'S should be the max. They can be chosen as a lottery.

You cannot feel sorry for people who have chosen to buy a home here and then in order to fund it have turned it into a STR rental. It is the same as investing in the stock market, sometimes the investment does not turn out as planned. See it as you have teenagers who have grown up with no rules, then you as a parent decide to impose rules and what do you have? Angry teenagers.

Have you thought about allowing just six Bed and Breakfasts? Owner on site with the responsibility of their guests. We had one on our street for years with no problem. This would free up properties for monthly rentals which would add up to kids in school, and we would know our neighbors

We do not consider Franks INN as an STR. The clientele are different. No dogs, fires, trash left in bags by the side of the road, etc. We have talked to many. They just seem content to enjoy our town.

Thanking you for your volunteer time in making our community a good town.


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