

Marathon Township
Planning Commission
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Planning Commission Members,

This shall serve as a memorandum of my thoughts for you to consider regarding the moratorium currently in effect on short term rental issues affecting the constituents of Marathon Township around Marathon's Lake District.

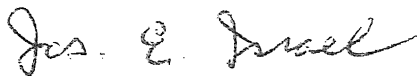
A complicated rental ordinance will discourage universal compliance and add costs associated with implementation for the unit of government, especially with personnel to administrator and enforce.

A residential high density area would be better off served as a right of use under a Special Land Use. A policy with strict guidelines for standards and regulations in writing to be followed for uniform application of conditions to be considered for a land owner that hosts short term rental of dwellings when registered as such under Special Land Use.

Fees should reflect the true costs associated with enforcement and registrations that achieves the goal of harmony and responsible stake holders of the conditions for such use.

This will help protect full time residents against those persons who are temporarily visiting or vacationing and who are causing congestion, and other disruptions to the peace and quiet of their neighborhoods.

Additionally, the same Board that grants the Special Land Use with a rigid in-writing check- list, could also hear any appeals or violation notices of such condition of SLU allowing for sanctions or revocation and/or a yearly review for re-registration and collection of fees.



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