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Dear Mayor, Town Council Members, and DCD:

Please accept my comments regarding *Ordinance 2022-01: Temporary Land Use Regulation Prohibiting Development of New Transient Lodging Facilities*, scheduled for public hearing at the January 12, 2022 Town Council meeting.

I applaud the proposal that will allow the Town to step back, take a deep breath, and think once again about the future of the community and the principles and goals articulated in Springdale's newly revised General Plan.

It seems that 180 days—a mere three months—is a wise and reasonable period in which to delay new applications for transient lodging development. This time, if used efficiently and effectively, will accomplish a number of important objectives going forward:

- It will give Mayor and Council opportunity to digest the new General Plan more fully and to thoughtfully imagine the residents' aspirations articulated in the Plan.
- It will allow the town to assemble diverse voices, some not commonly heard in Springdale Town decision-making, such as:
  - the voices of residents who are not currently profiting as business-owners or employees in town, but who live here for the tranquility of the place and deep love of Springdale;
  - the voices of much-needed workers, a number of whom have no affordable place to live in town or nearby, some of whom are homeless, and some of whom travel for hours to and from work;
  - the voices of young families who may have roots in the community and want to be here, but cannot afford housing because it is either non-existent or priced for the wealthy.
  - All of these voices need to be heard, so the proposal to create a taskforce to address concerns is important.
- A 180-day pause will also allow the Town to consult with community planners like Five Counties Association of Governments (FCAOG), legal counsel, both inhouse and at Utah League of Cities and Towns, in order to make the best decisions going forward.

I understand full well, having just celebrated my 75<sup>th</sup> year as a resident of Springdale, how important our robust business community is. The innkeepers, restaurateurs, retailers, guide services, and all other commercial businesspeople have given us great amenities and services by collecting an array of taxes brought into Town coffers. I recognize that our lovely Canyon Community Center, parks and playgrounds, cemetery, as well as our fine roads and trails are made possible in large part by tax revenues. I am grateful for the business community and respect their rights, balanced against the best interests of all.

All of the people referenced above, whose voices are often drowned out by the clamor of developers and investors, have a stake in Springdale too. My family and friends want a community of residents as well as amenities; we want young families, hospitality workers, senior citizens, school children and people of all means and backgrounds in our community. If Springdale becomes populated predominantly by transient tourists, it will be wealthy, but it will not be a community.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely  
Louise Excell

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