Malden Registered Voter Petition for Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance Adoption

Honorable Councilors of the City of Malden,

Pursuant to City Council rule, 63.00 and mgl. Chapter 40A section 5, we the undersigned registered voters submit the attached zoning amendment to the city council's docket. Additionally, A portion of us own land affected by this ordinance.

We are writing to urge your consideration and support for the proposed Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance, which allows City of Malden Residents and homeowners flexibility to rent a portion of their homes short term (on AirBnB, Virbo, etc under 31 day periods). This carefully crafted ordinance represents a balanced approach that addresses the evolving landscape of short-term rentals in our city while protecting our housing stock, generating revenue, and fostering community cohesion. Allowing City of Malden Residents and homeowners this flexibility addresses key issues with housing affordability of Malden owner occupants (retirees, young families with children, etc.) to stay in their homes long term, and build community, as housing costs continue to rise.

As the only municipality in our region without comprehensive short-term rental regulations, Malden is missing a critical opportunity to create order in a rapidly growing market that directly impacts our neighborhoods and housing availability. Currently Short Term Rentals (AirBnB, Virbo, etc under 31 days) in the City of Malden sit in a state of regulatory limbo. This leaves at least roughly 500 active short term rentals currently being used in the City of Malden limits. Law abiding home owners who wish to rent out a portion of their own home are lacking critical regulatory guidance on what they are allowed to do, while non-resident landlords without regard for the law are able to flagrantly rent their properties as they please without recourse for disruptive guest behavior, collection of taxes and fees, lack of enforcement, and reducing housing stock in the City of Malden.

This ordinance governing short term rentals will bring the City of Malden in line with the rest of the surrounding municipalities that allow city resident owner-occupants the flexibility to rent and stay in their homes. Signed:

First Name	Last Name	Address	Ward & Precinct	Signature
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DONNA	MAGUIRE	61 AShland. ST	1-3	Soma magine
Joseph	MAquiRE	GLASHIANI ST	1-3	Joseph maquire
Dave	Waller	22 Mountain Ale	3-2	Sachalles 1
FireH	Waller	22 Manstindre	3-2	World Market
LYNN	WALLER	22 MOUNTAINS		Latelle
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