

# Council opposition a head-scratcher

The Bethlehem Gadfly Airbnb, Short term lodging August 7, 2020

 Latest in a series of posts on Airbnb and short-term lodging 

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Gadfly,

Councilwoman Negrón hits the nail on the head. These are our neighborhoods, taxpaying full-time city residents who do not want their quality of life upset or destroyed. The three members of Council who have personal experiences elsewhere regarding AirBnBs and opposed it should reflect on this. The same shoe doesn't fit in every community, and when your own residents petition you for redress, then it's time to handle this the way it should be. They're complicating a very simple solution, which is that of requiring short-term lodging to have the owner present. That is what is required for a traditional B&B, why not for AirBnB?

And, who will handle the complaints? Who will monitor these situations? Code enforcement officials are under-staffed according to the chief code enforcement official, and you're going to create even more burdensome regulations? I scratch my head constantly when government at any level can't apply common sense solutions to issues.

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