

Dear Members of the Michigan House of Representatives,  
Along the Lake Michigan coastline, towns have zoning ordinances regulating how many and where short-term rentals are allowed.

As residents of Grand Haven, our planning commission, zoning commission, city council and citizens took up the responsibility of addressing the outbreak

of short term rentals, especially in residential neighborhoods.

Our community, like others spent one year weighing the pros and cons of short-term rentals.

Therefore we see our current Grand Haven regulations for STR as a good thing.

Grand Haven city has of April 30, 2019 almost 300 registered short term rentals and 687 condo units.

However, House Bill 4046 would limit cities rights to regulate short term rentals.

Why would anyone want to end a towns ability to control what they deem is most important to their lively hood?

House Bill 4046 is an example of the state interfering, manipulating and ending local control.

House Bill 4046 is also an example of lobbyists influencing representatives for a profit motive because it allows residents to do anything they want with their property.

Nevertheless, there are mechanisms already in place at the local level to do what most of what people want to do.

It is a simple process of going to your city or township, applying for a special land use permit and registering your property.

Locals know what is best for their community.

Community standards, safety, building codes, inspection, zoning laws and landlords educating their guests is a win-win solution for all concerned.

Thank you.

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