

WELCOME TO MY NIGHTMARE

A DARK, TWISTED JOURNEY INTO THE CITY OF
VICTORIA'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE SHORT-
TERM RENTAL LICENCE APPLICATION PROCESS

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THE SAGA BEGINS...

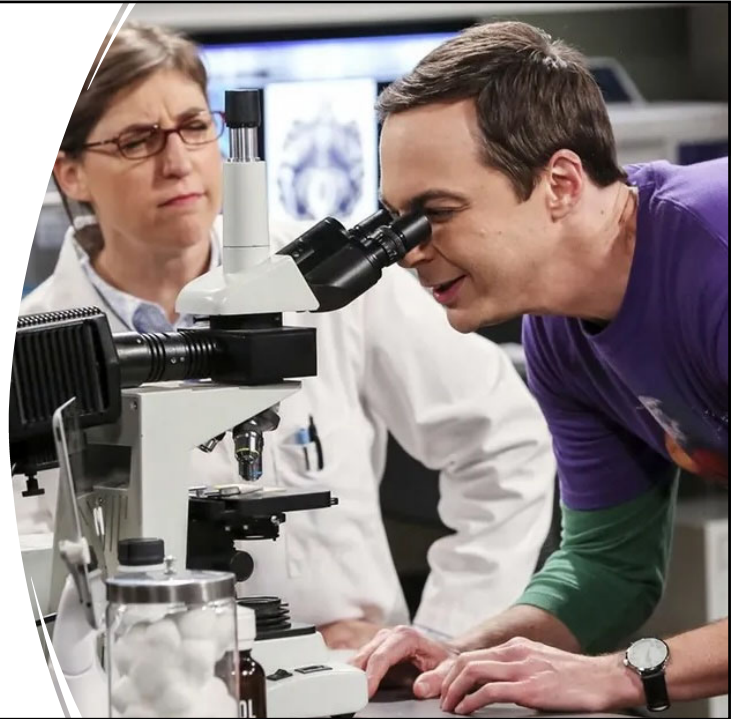
April 3, 2024

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THE INSPECTION

June 8, 2024

- We go under the microscope to prove we live where we live



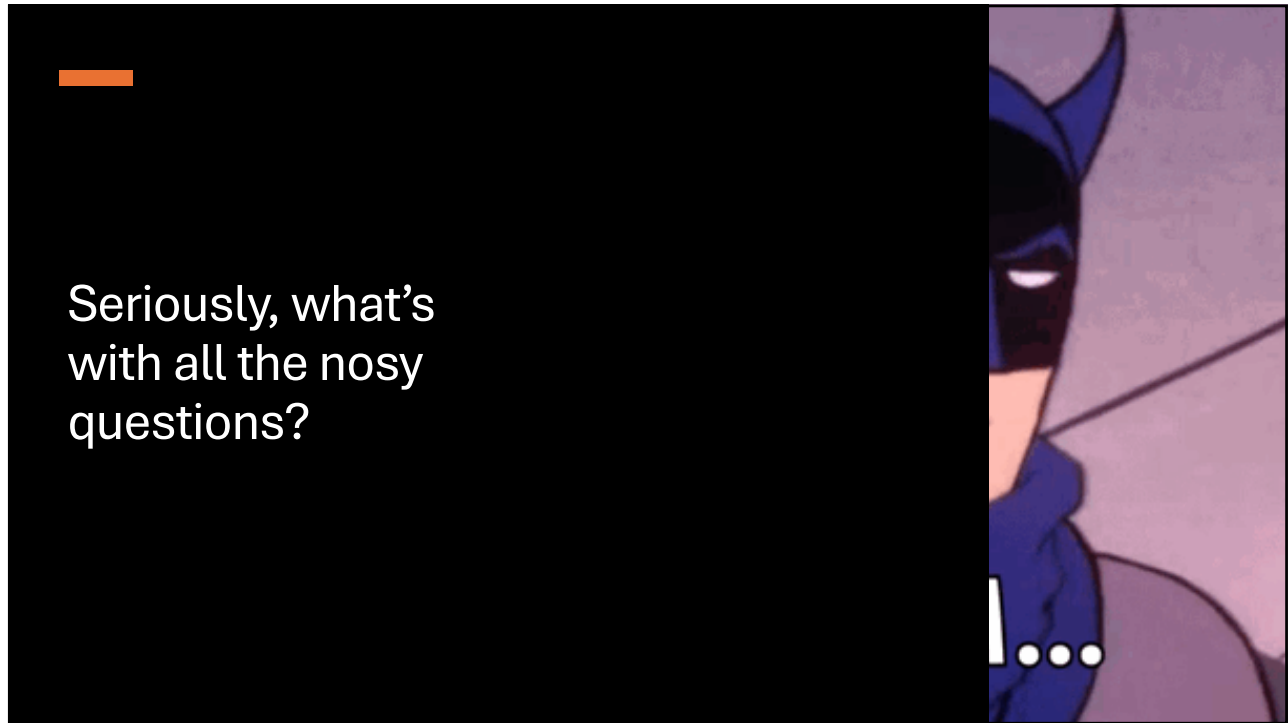
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NOBODY EXPECTS THE SPANISH INQUISITION!

- What's your business plan?
- How long are you going to be away?
- Where are you going?
- What time of the year will you be away?
- How long are you planning to be away?
- What's the shortest duration of time you'll rent your place?
- Are any of your plans subject to change?



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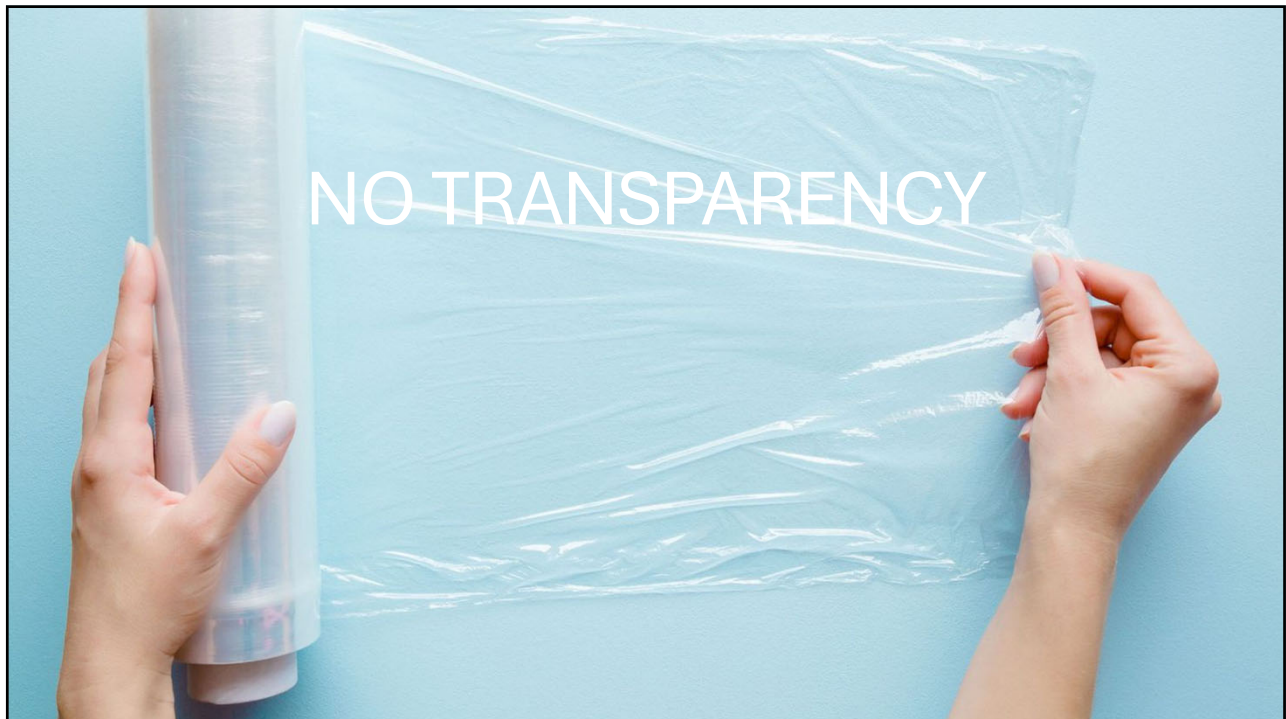
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“satisfactory to the licence inspector”

- Based on what criteria?
- What evidence is required to ‘satisfy’ an inspector?
- Can I see what the inspector concluded in the report?

“(e) provide evidence, satisfactory to the Licence Inspector, that the premises where the short-term rental will be operated are the operator’s principal residence.”, and

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HOW MUCH IS THIS COSTING?



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VICTORY!

- July 22, 2024
- Finally!
- We are granted a licence.
- **7 weeks** after our inspection
- Nearly **4 months** after applying



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WELCOME TO MY NIGHTMARE 2: THE SEQUEL

Spoiler Alert:
SO MUCH WORSE!



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NOW WE'RE CRIMINALS!

January 16, 2025



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THIS IS CUCKOO!

- The same bylaw department that won't give us a licence is threatening to take action against us — for not having the licence they won't give us.



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WE HAVE A MEETING

January 20, 2025



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PROMISES WERE MADE

“The City will not take any action for people advertising while their licence is pending.”



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6 DAYS LATER...

Jan. 26, 2025:

- The City DOES take action...

WTF?!?

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WE'RE SCREWED!

The City of Victoria cancelled all our Airbnb bookings.

THOUSANDS of dollars lost.

And why?



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WE'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG

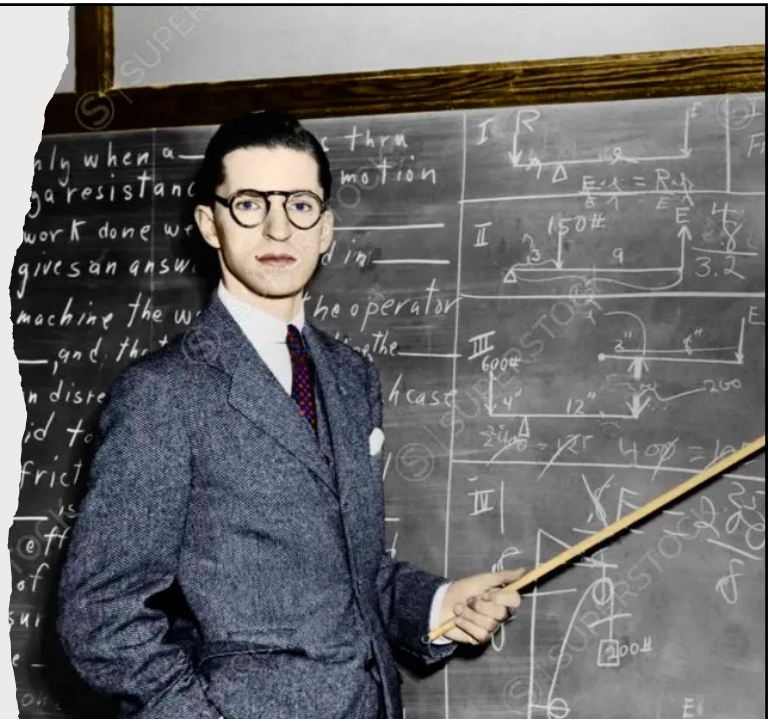
- We broke no rules.
- We followed the City's bylaws.
- So why are we being punished for it?

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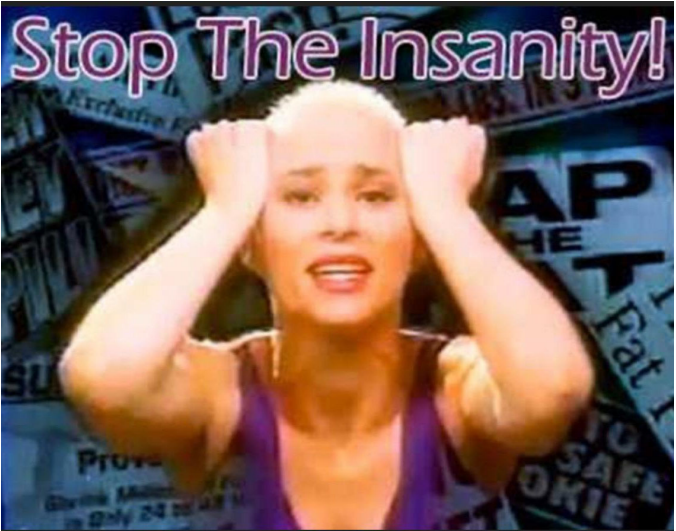
TO RECAP...

This process:

- Takes forever
- Punishes the innocent
- Wastes taxpayer dollars
- Treats law-abiding citizens like criminals
- Does NOTHING to increase the supply of available housing



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Stop The Insanity!

**YOU
CAN
FIX
THIS!**

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★ **THE END** ★

HAPPY TRAILS?

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