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Subject: FW: Short term rental application - 1044 Belmont Ave

From: Sandra and Doug Fraser <
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To: Legislative Services email <LegislativeServices@victoria.ca>
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Dear Madam/Sir,

We were most distressed to learn that, after 20 years, our short term rental permit was not going to be renewed.

Before we retired to Victoria in 2001 I visited City Hall and was assured that we could operate a short term rental, before purchasing our home. We do not have pensions aside from the government OAS and CPP and rely on our home to supplement our income. Depriving us of this will impact highly negatively on our quality of life.

Our neighbours are very happy with our presence, thanking us for maintaining a pretty garden, and using our accommodations when they do not have enough space for their visitors. We receive top reviews for our cleanliness and hospitality. Last spring my husband power washed the sidewalk from Maud to Fort, to ensure no one would slip on moss.

We have been a resource for the Royal Jubilee Hospital, frequently hosting the families of patients. It is not practical for us to convert to long term rental, as we like to close off the suite from time to time, either to accommodate our own friends and family from across the country and world, or to upgrade and refurbish.

My husband is 80 years old and I am 77. We are too old to start looking for other occupations. We have been good and contributing members of society, volunteering at Government House and supporting the arts.

We understand that there have been changes made to City ordinances but would you ask to please consider using the "grandfather clause" to enable us to continue running our small business.

Many thanks,

Sincerely,
Douglas and Sandra Fraser

Sandra and Doug Fraser
Tudor Cottage