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► **City Clerk, Legislative Services
City of Victoria**

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Dear City Clerk, Legislative Services

RE: APPEALING Denial of Short-Term Rental License, 408 Superior St.

We are submitting a formal appeal to you, City Clerk, Legislative Services, and City Council to reconsider our application for a Short-Term Rental License for our home studio in 408 Superior St. We received the letter dated June 16, 2021 that our application was denied and are within the appeal timelines of 30 days.

We are local musicians who have set up our home studio to write, record, and produce music. We have a kitchen and bathroom for convenience to allow us to take needed breaks as we often work on music at all hours of the day, seven days a week. As you can imagine, the Covid-19 pandemic has put incredible stress on our livelihood as musicians. To ease the impacts, we would like to rent our home studio on weekends in hopes of supplementing our dwindling income, which has been significantly impacted by Covid-19. We were greatly distressed, disappointed, and disheartened when we received word that our application for a Short-Term Rental License was denied. By denying our license, our ability to remain self-sufficient and expand our income streams has been denied as well.

While we recognize the need to ensure adequate long-term rental housing stock for locals in Victoria, our home studio does *not* fall into this category. As local musicians and grateful home owners, its key purpose is to provide a home-based studio for our music that we work on seven days a week. With the pandemic hitting us particularly hard, we have relented to needing another revenue stream – using our home studio as a Short-Term Rental on weekends. We sincerely hope that you will grant us this license so we may continue to work creatively, live sustainably, and contribute positively to diversify our local community as artists on the unceded traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees nations.

Respectfully submitted,

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(she/her, settler of Asian descent); (he/him, white settler)

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Dear Legislative Services,

RE: APPEALING Denial of Short-Term Rental License, 408 Superior St.

We are submitting a formal appeal to you, Legislative Services, and City Council to reconsider our application for a Short-Term Rental License for our **home studio in 408 Superior St.** We first received the letter dated June 16, 2021 that our application was denied. Then, we received an email dated July 15, 2021 acknowledging receipt of our appeal request with an invitation to make a written appeal in the form of reasons and supporting documentation. Please find the written appeal and supporting images below.

RATIONALE

We were greatly distressed, disappointed, and disheartened when we received word that our application submitted April 28, 2021 for a Short-Term Rental License was denied. **By denying our license, our ability to remain self-sufficient and expand our income streams has been denied as well.**

We are **local musicians** who have set up **our home studio to write, record, and produce music.**



We have a **kitchen and bathroom** for convenience to allow us **to take needed breaks** as we often work on music at **all hours of the day, seven days a week**.



As you can imagine, the **Covid-19 pandemic has put incredible stress on our livelihood as musicians**. **To ease the financial impacts, we would like to rent our home studio on weekends in hopes of supplementing our dwindling income**, which has been significantly impacted by Covid-19.

If granted a Short-Term Rental License and if we received bookings, we would put all musical equipment into storage temporarily and set up the bed to accommodate 1-2 guests maximum. The cabinet folds out into a comfortable queen-sized murphy bed (see image on p. 3).



Key Notes:

- We would be grateful if we could even **rent our home studio four (4) times per year – as allowed for owner-occupied spaces.**
- If there is issue with the **kitchen range, we can easily remove this appliance** from the studio.



While we recognize the need to ensure adequate long-term rental housing stock for locals in Victoria, our home studio does *not* fall into this category. As local musicians and grateful home owners, its key purpose is to provide a home-based studio for our music that we work on seven days a week. We have invested extensively in our music studio which is fully equipped with instruments and recording gear (see images on p. 4).



With the pandemic hitting us particularly hard, we have relented to needing another revenue stream – using our home studio as a Short-Term Rental on weekends (or even limited to just four times per year; either option would help our financial situation immensely).

We sincerely hope that you will grant us this license so we may continue to work creatively, live sustainably, and contribute positively to diversify our local community as artists on the unceded traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees nations.

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