New vote

We will be on vacation for the upcoming public hearing but want our voice heard.

These regulations seem reasonable in the limit for attempting to stop corporations from owning STR's in Taghkanic. In fact, they are pretty mild in comparison to what many in the region have enacted. Here is what it will mean for our family specifically:

- We own a unique 175 year old building with insane maintenance costs that is never likely to be long term housing stock.
- We love the Hudson Valley and the taghkanic region dearly and hope to call it a full time home at some point in retirement, or earlier when our girls are older.
- Covid policies incentivized us to move from Brooklyn to Austin in 2020 with our 2 toddlers. We still like to come for as long as we can. We love it dearly. But, it has become more difficult to visit with toddlers.
- This is our only "investment property" we're not a corporation running an Airbnb empire. Short term rentals help us to continue to care for the property we are so deeply invested in.
- It is unlikely we will spend 60 days per year in the church because the building is not suitable for long term family stays. And, living in Austin makes it difficult to get to currently. But Austin may not be our forever home.
- It is one giant room which we can't currently work from and we don't want to be dishonest filling out the permits.
- Our only option now is to lay off our local host who is a single mother that works at Lake Taghkanic State Park who we have helped support for 4+ years and keep the house empty when we don't use it.
- The property will likely fall into disrepair as it was previously, as we cannot occupy it full time. At least, it will not be as well kept as it is now with mostly full occupancy from couples seeking a quiet escape from the city.
- Our only next door neighbors Peter and Maureen love having the place occupied for safety reasons, and are also deeply invested in the building. They've lived next to it for decades.

- We will rent it out long term for 30+ days when we can, likely for about 50% less occupancy than we run currently, reducing demand and local tourism for businesses in an already detrimental economy.
- We have never had any negative reports from neighbors or guests.
- That's it. We the rich will be fine and continue to enjoy our vacation home when we infrequently need it. Local people and business owners will be negatively impacted.