

Jonathan Smith

From: Jonathan Smith
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Matt Mackinder
Cc: Eric Haven
Subject: RE: Clarkston News - city topics

Hello Matt,

As a matter of policy, the City does not respond to comments made on social media, which may or may not be factually based.

That said, following are my responses to your specific questions:

1. **42 W. Washington:** This is an active case in the Oakland County courts and, as such, we are unable to comment on any aspect of it.
2. **Short-Term Rentals:** After holding a Public Hearing on the topic in 2021, the City's Planning Commission submitted an ordinance modification recommendation to City Council to *only* allow short-term rentals in commercially zoned properties. After two readings, Council voted unanimously on January 10, 2022 to approve the ordinance. The effective date of the revised ordinance change will be Tuesday, February 8th, 2022, after a posting period in the Clarkston News. Existing Short-Term Rental properties in non-commercial districts will have 12 months (February 8, 2023) to cease operations. With regards to the **Mill Pond Inn**, because **they are a Bed & Breakfast with a separate agreement with the City**, they will not be impacted by the ordinance change.
3. **Open Meetings Act:** While the Independence Television video recording ended in the November 8th Council meeting prior to the Council voting to close the Open Session and enter a Closed Session for purposes of discussing pending litigation, the fact of the matter is that Council *did* vote in favor of closing the Open Session and then opened the Closed Session.
4. **Publication of Meeting Minutes:** As of this week I believe we are now caught up, but we will re-assess any postings from last summer that may have been missed.

Thank you,

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(Adding one more topic here)

Gentlemen,