

City of Cle Elum
Planning Department
119 W 1st Street
Cle Elum, WA 98922



09/15/2025

RE: STR-2025-002 Lee

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed short-term rental to be located at 408 W 6th Street in Cle Elum which is approximately 400 feet from our home.

We have many reasons for opposing this rental. First and foremost is the integrity of our once quiet and secluded neighborhood. With the development associated with City Heights, our quality of life has been negatively impacted with increased traffic, noise, and trash scattered about. Not to mention the light pollution from the Ederra Model Home with every light in the building on 24 hours a day.

Vacation rentals are notorious “party houses” and with this application being for up to 10 guests, it will become exactly that, and party house. 10 people will likely arrive in 5 vehicles, adding unnecessary traffic, and the possibility for those drivers to be impaired in a neighborhood where children ride their bikes, people walk their dogs and enjoy the relative safety of quiet residential streets. Not to mention the noise associated with 10 people partying until all hours of the night.

Our neighborhood is also home to many species of wildlife, including deer, elk, turkey, quail, doves, ravens, bald eagles, coyotes, great horned owls, bear and an occasional cougar. We as humans, are expanding into their habitat, then once there is an encounter it is demanded that they be removed. We have lived in harmony with all of these creatures for over 40 years in this neighborhood, we do not need an influx of temporary residents demanding their removal.

We respectfully ask that our quiet, residential neighborhood be protected from this commercial venture where someone is hoping to improve their investments at the expense of our quality of life.

Steve and Nancy Jones
509 W 6th Street
Cle Elum WA 98922

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Nancy Jones' and the bottom signature is 'Steve W Jones'.