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TOWN OF GRAFTON

Monday, July 10, 2023

Dear **{Property Owner Name}**,

It has been brought to our attention that your property located at **{physical 911 address}** Grafton, is listed as a short-term rental property on Airbnb or VRBO. Grafton is a beautiful vacation location, and we understand the importance that short-term rentals have for the economy, especially in our small town. However, we request that you consistently remind your renters to be courteous in regard to your neighbors and the Town of Grafton. This can include ensuring these guests park in the designated spaces and be aware of loud or disruptive noises at unnecessary times, for example. It is common for rental properties to have a 'welcome pamphlet/letter' that outlines the property details, house rules, emergency contacts, activities in the area, etc. For instance, there are venues in town that write in their contracts with guests that music and boisterous noise must end by 10:30 pm.

While Grafton does not have an ordinance, we do still need to have some order and expectations. If we are still having issues in the near future, we may be forced to adopt a formal ordinance. Ultimately, our goal is for your guests and our local residents to respect each other and enjoy their time in town.

The Grafton Outdoor Alliance is a new organization in town whose goal is to work with other organizations/venues in the community to promote tourism, especially related to outdoor recreation and cultural events. If you would like to learn more about GOA and how it might support you and your guests, please email GOA@nature-musem.org or lizprovovt@gmail.com and ask to be on the mailing list. They will keep you in the loop with future initiatives and events.

There are many great activities and opportunities within Grafton for your guests to take part in and we do encourage that involvement. It is just our hope that your renters are respectful and conscious of neighboring properties.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me; I'd be happy to talk about this in more detail. My email address is townadmin@grafftonvt.org and phone number is 802-843-2552.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you,

Morgan Wilbur
Town of Grafton, Town Administrator