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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

#### **Vacation / Overnight Rental Properties Within the Residential Neighborhoods**

The Leavenworth Planning Commission is looking for your input about allowing and regulating vacation / overnight rental properties.

On April 6, 2016, the commission will hear the first round of public comments before considering new vacation / overnight rental regulation. Tentatively, the commission will conduct its first reading of any new regulations on May 4, 2016, complete a second reading on June 1, 2016, and hold their Public Hearing on July 13, 2016.

Vacation / overnight (short-term) rentals are not currently allowed in residential zones within the City. However, because vacation / overnight rentals are becoming more popular, some property owners have been offering properties for vacation / overnight rental, resulting in illegal, “black market” or “underground” rentals, in violation of City regulations. In light of the popularity of vacation / overnight rentals, we can expect more property owners to consider offering their properties for this use.

We need your feedback – the April 6, 2016 regular meeting is critical in getting your ideas on whether vacation / overnight rentals should be allowed in residential zones and, if so, what conditions and standards should be placed on them.

Currently, any owner of a single family home can rent out his or her property for monthly periods. These properties are considered and regulated the same as home owner occupied properties.

**Meeting: April 6, 2016, 7:00 PM at Leavenworth City Hall Council Chambers.**