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IDAHO REALTORS® FILES SUIT TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IN LAVA HOT SPRINGS

(Lava Hot Springs, Idaho) – Idaho REALTORS® has filed suit against the city of Lava Hot Springs to defend the rights of private property owners and their ability to reasonably and responsibly offer short-term rentals.

Utilizing the association’s legal defense fund, IR will support John and Michelle Taylor in a lawsuit against the city of Lava Hot Springs for its denial of their license for a short-term rental property. IR is seeking a declaratory judgment invalidating Lava Hot Springs zoning restrictions on short-term rentals. During the November 11, 2021 Lava Hot Springs city council meeting, the council voted to deny the Taylors’ short-term rental license on the grounds that his property is located outside of the city’s commercial zone. This action ignored protections in Title 67-6539 of Idaho Code, which requires that all short-term rentals be classified as residential land use, regardless of the city or county that they are located in.

Owners such as the Taylors should be afforded the same private property rights across Idaho, and Idaho REALTORS® will always work to defend private property rights.

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