

Airbnb questionnaire

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Now, we'd like to ask about "Airbnb".

"Airbnb" is a website that connects people looking to rent out their space with people who are looking for somewhere to stay. Rentals are usually for short periods of time (maybe for a few days or so, like a hotel) and can range from renting a spare room (sharing space with the people living there) to renting a whole separate apartment/condo or even a house.

QA1. How familiar would you say you are with Airbnb?

Never heard of it until now
Heard about it but don't know much about it
Know about it/Looked into it
Used Airbnb

QA2. Thinking generally, what is your overall view of Airbnb?

Very positive
Mostly positive
Mostly negative
Very negative
Don't know enough to say

QA3. Some people say the hotel industry has regulations to protect consumers and if Airbnb is providing the same service they should follow the same regulations and pay the same taxes. Airbnb says they simply connect individuals who have extra space with individuals looking for a place to stay. Which is closer to your opinion? Would you say you'd like to see the government...?

Regulate Airbnb in the same way it regulates hotels
Allow Airbnb to continue operating without the same regulations as hotels

QA4. Thinking about your immediate neighbours (i.e. those who live next door to you, down the hall, etc.), would you be comfortable with them renting out their space ...

Anytime, it's their property and they can do whatever they want
Regularly, say once a month or more
Only occasionally/for special occasions
Never, I'm not comfortable with my neighbours using Airbnb

QA5 Some people say that allowing Airbnb can restrict the supply of long-term rental units in municipalities with very low rental vacancy rates. This is because property owners can use their suites for Airbnb rentals, which generally last just a few days, rather than long-term rentals. Other people argue that property owners should be allowed to rent their property for as short or as long a time as they please, and that home-sharing is meeting a market demand.

Some cities have announced that they will restrict short-term rentals of suites that are not principal residences of the owners in an effort to open up more long-term rentals.

Would you say you would support or oppose this idea in your municipality?

Strongly support

Support

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Not sure/Can't say