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I would like to clarify a recent news article representing the number of short term rentals in the City of New Buffalo. The explanation is complicated.

According to Safebuilt Rentals which is managing the City's rental program and provided the following numbers:

- There are 150 registered short term rentals
- There are 50 suspected unregistered short term rentals of which active investigations are on going
- There are 50 potential Air B&B's of which investigations are planned but delayed because of COVID 19 restrictions
- It is also anticipated 50 short term rentals have not been detected, are not on any list but will eventually be found

Those numbers represent the registered, suspected and unregistered, potential Air B'B's, and those rentals unknown at this point

- The registered rentals total 150
- The 50 suspected but unregistered total 50
- That total of known and suspected rentals is 200
- Another 100 rentals are suspected and being investigated
- If all the short term rentals are found the total is expected to be around 300

I hope this clarifies the current short term rental situation

Regards,

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