

Frequently Asked Questions about the Short-Term Rental Moratorium and process for adopting a new ordinance to regulate those that are allowed to exist:

Q: What is a Moratorium? Why would we impose one on any type of development?

A: A Moratorium is imposed by a city when it begins to have development of a type for which it does not appear to have sufficient rules and regulations in place (or resources available). This allows the municipality a period of time within which to fully consider and decide what types of rules, regulations and/or guidelines are necessary for the health, safety and effective functioning of the community.

Q: What happens to the existing STR's that are currently operating throughout the Town?

A: Those that have a valid existing Business License with the Town can continue to operate. Any that do not, are not in compliance with existing Licensing regulations already in place and are therefore NOT ALLOWED. They would need to cease operations and wait until the new ordinance/regulations are in place. All existing STRs along with any newly licensed will, however, need to comply with whatever new regulations are adopted.

Q: How long does this Moratorium last?

A: Usually six months at most, unless it is extended beyond that period. It is not anticipated to take that long, however. We would hope to have a new ordinance completed in a shorter timeframe, if at all feasible.

Q: What rules DO exist for those that will continue in operation during the moratorium?

A: There are already basic rules/requirements in place for any existing business whether it is an STR or other type. Such as: Having a valid City Business License (in addition to whatever License you already have with the State; Complying with existing Noise, Parking and Garbage handling regulations We have also recently asked any existing STRs to have an identified local "Responsible Person" whom we can contact to discuss reported questions or concerns.

Q: How many STRs will ultimately be allowed to exist within the Town limits? What additional regulations will apply to them?

A: These items will be addressed in the Ordinance to be developed and adopted by Town Council, after deliberation and discussion at the Planning Commission, including Public Hearings and other means for collecting citizen and business input.

Q: How do citizens and businesses get involved in the next steps which are to develop a draft and discussion of the ordinance which will apply to STRs and B&Bs?

A: Sign up with Townhall so that we can get you regular updates and/or attend the related Planning Commission and Council meetings at which the topic will be discussed, and feedback requested. Additionally, you may provide written comments or testimony to Townhall on this topic at any time. For those that have already provided written comments and feedback, that is already incorporated into the discussion that the PC will begin to undertake.