

A motion to approve the following resolution:

MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL BUSINESS LICENSES

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston is a historic community that attracts thousands of visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, tourism is an important part of the local economy, including short-term rentals at hotels, and increasingly, in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the density and frequency of rentals of less than 30 days, or short-term rentals, in residential neighborhoods has increased, due in large part to the web-based marketing tools such as Airbnb, Vacation Rental by Owner, and the like; and

WHEREAS, the increase in transient occupancy has had an adverse impact on residential neighborhoods subsequently generating excess noise, traffic and trash; and

WHEREAS the Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees is in the process of studying the issue in order to make recommendations on the best approach for the Village, including conducting work session(s), other studies, and proposing an ordinance regarding the regulation of short-term rentals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lewiston, that in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is in the best interest of the Village to declare a temporary moratorium on issuing business licenses on short-term rentals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Village of Lewiston Board of Trustees, that beginning with the effective date of this Ordinance, no new short-term rental licenses shall be approved or issued through April 17, 2023, three months from the date of this ordinance.

1. Operations related to short-term rentals will not be in violation of any other laws governing the use of the property.

2. Requests for appeal may be made to the Village Board of Trustees.

THIS ordinance shall become effective on January 17, 2023, upon its passage and execution as provided by law. Each of the provisions of this ordinance are severable; if any provision shall be declared to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected but shall remain in full force.

The adoption of this resolution was put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Welch: YES

Deputy Mayor Eydtt: YES

Trustee Conde: YES

Trustee Coppins: YES

Trustee Gibson: YES

ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023. By: Village Board of Trustees
AUTHENTICATED THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023. By: Shannon Fundis, Clerk
APPROVED: Anne Welch, Mayor