

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	15330	Agenda Number	140.
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Meeting Date:	5/24/2012	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code to address the short term rental of residential units.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	April 26, 2012: Council approved a resolution setting a public hearing to consider an ordinance regarding regulation of short term residential rentals.
For More Information:	Robert Heil, PDR, 974-2330
Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Planning Commission on May 22, 2012.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

For visitors or Austin residents seeking a place to stay for a short period of time, the short term rental of a house of other residential structure has become an increasingly popular option. These short term rentals can offer great flexibility and a unique experience for visitors, and can provide an important source of income for the property owner.

As these short term rentals become more popular, homeowners that reside near them have questioned whether the rental of residential structures for short durations should be more appropriately considered a commercial rather than residential activity, and regulated accordingly.

The Planning Commission has worked extensively with stakeholders and has drafted a proposal to regulate the short term rental of residential structures through amendments to the land development code.