Short Term Residential Rental

presentation to the Community Development Commission July 10, 2012

Short Term Rentals – What are they?

• Any single family residential unit that is rented for less than 30 days

For this proposal:

- Does not include multi-family units (apartments or condominiums).
- Does not include hotels, motels or Bed-and-Breakfasts.

(Source: City Auditor's Report, April 2012)

Short Term Rentals – How Many are there?

- Estimated by the by City Auditor at 1,500
- The number is difficult to track
 - No central registration exists
 - Hotel Occupancy taxes are not paid by some property owners.
- The number is fluid
 - Changes by season
 - Changes based on the real estate market
 - Changes based on the desires and needs of individual property owners

(Source: City Auditor's Report, April 2012)

Short Term Rental – Who Owns Them?

- Most are owned by Austinites (89%)
 - 63% Owner Occupied
 - 26 % Austin Resident
- 3% Central Texas Owner (outside of Austin)
- 3% Texas Owner
- 5% Out of State Owners

(Source: City Auditor's Report, April 2012)

(Note: Owner information was not available for all short term rentals)

Residential Units Affected this Proposal

- Residential Uses permitted in Single Family Zoning
 - Single Family Residential
 - Single Family Attached Residential
 - Duplex Residential
 - Two Family Residential
- Only Residential Properties Rented out for less than 30 days.

Residential Units *Not* Affected by this Proposal

- Units rented for 30 days or more
- Multi-family units, Apartments or Condominiums
- Group Residential Use

Creates two new land uses

- Type 1 Short Term Rental (Owner Occupied)
- Type 2 Short Term Rental (Non-Owner Occupied or very frequently rented)

Type 1 Rental (Owner Occupied)

Description

- 1. Owner-Occupied and –
- 2. Registered Homestead and –
- 3. Short Term leases do not exceed a cumulative total of 90 days per year.

-OR-

If a primary residential unit is

- 1. Owner-Occupied and –
- 2. Registered Homestead and –
- 3. Occupied by the owner for at least 270 days per year

Then a secondary residential unit on the same property may be rented on a short term basis for more than a cumulative total of 90 days per year and still be considered a Type 1 Rental.

Type 1 Rental (Owner-Occupied)

Requirements

- 1. Pay Hotel Occupancy Tax (15% of gross receipts) (current state law)
- 2. Permitted use in single family, multi-family and mixed use zoning
- 3. Inspection (upon registration and then every three years) (fee not yet established)
- 4. Certificate of Registration (good for one year, and renewable) (fee not yet established)
- 5. Provide packet of information to all tenants
- 6. Notify all properties within 100 feet

Type 1 Rental (Owner Occupied)

Prohibitions

- 1. No gatherings
- 2. May not rent out individual rooms
- 3. The Certificate of Registration is not transferable
- 4. The Certificate of Registration may become void if there are three or more valid citations against the tenants or property.

Type 2 Rental (Non-Owner Occupied)

Description

Any single family residential until rented out for less than 30 days at a time, that does not qualify as a Type 1 Rental.

Specifically -

- 1. Not Owner Occupied, or -
- 2. Not Homestead Exempted, or -
- 3. Rented out on a short term basis for a cumulative total of more than 90 days.

Type 2 Rental (Non-Owner Occupied)

Requirements

- **❖** Bold items are different from Type 1 Rentals
- 1. Pay Hotel Occupancy Tax (15% of gross receipts) (current state law)
 - Approximately \$461 for application filing and notification
 - Additional restrictions may be placed on the property with the CUP
 - Public hearing at Planning Commission
 - Planning Commission decision may be appealed to Council
- 2. Inspection (upon registration and then every three years) (fee not yet established)
- 3. Certificate of Registration (good for one year, and renewable) (*fee not yet established*)
- 4. Provide packet of information to all tenants
- 5. Notify all properties within 100 feet.
- 6. There may not be more Type 2 Rentals than 3% of the number of detached single family structures in any one zip code.

Type 2 Rental (Non-Owner Occupied)

Prohibitions

- 1. No gatherings
- 2. May not rent out individual rooms
- 3. The Certificate of Registration is not transferable
- 4. The Certificate of Registration may become void if there are three or more valid citations against the tenants or property.

Short Term Rental Proposal – Next Steps

City Council will consider the item again on Thursday, August 2, 2012.

Comments and Questions are Welcome.