



Planning Commission Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Chair and Planning Commission of the Town of Bowling Green
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SUBJECT: Discussion of Proposed Zoning Text Amendment for Short-Term Rentals
DATE: September 19th, 2024

SUMMARY:

At their June 4th work session meeting, the Town Council for the Town of Bowling Green voted to refer the drafting of an ordinance to regulate short-term rentals to the Planning Commission for addition to their annual work plan. The Planning Commission held their first discussion on the proposed ordinance at their August meeting. Staff are presenting a draft for the Commission's consideration, which is included in the agenda packet.

BACKGROUND:

Staff conducted comparative analysis of ordinances from other localities, analyzed state code, identified related areas of the Zoning Ordinance that may need to be modified, and presented the results of this work to the Commission at their August meeting. The Commission provided input on specific provisions for inclusion in the draft ordinance at their August meeting. Staff have included these recommendations in the draft ordinance along with additional provisions for the Commission's consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time, staff cannot project a fiscal impact. However, the introduction of short-term rentals into the local economy may produce additional tax revenue for the Town.

RECOMMENDATION:

Town Staff recommend that the Commission discuss the draft ordinance and hold a public hearing at their October meeting.