



CITY OF BUCHANAN
RESOLUTION 2025.03/12

A RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE REGISTRATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS IN THE CITY OF BUCHANAN

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner *****and supported by Commissioner *****.

WHEREAS, in March of 2025, the City Commission adopted an ordinance requiring the registration of rental dwellings; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to take a proactive stance on the establishment of short-term rentals in the community to balance commerce with the character and stability of neighborhoods in certain districts by, ensuring the interests of long-term residents are protected, preservation of enrollment in local schools, and encouraging the availability of long-term housing stock, and avoiding significant increases in the cost of housing in the community for year-round residents and avoiding the creation of a significant number of vacant homes in the winter months and increasing level of noise, traffic and on-street parking in the community's traditional neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, where the City Commission is not against the presence of short-term rentals in the community but does want to work to develop a healthy balance between short-term rentals and traditional year-round residences; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is interested in considering appropriate ordinance to address this concern relating to short-term rentals and;

WHEREAS, Established short-term rentals will continue to operate as long as they abide by the rental dwelling registration ordinance during the moratorium period and can demonstrate that the property was an existing short-term rental in existence as of the date of adoption of this resolution by means of either demonstrated listing on an established short-term rental site such as Airbnb or VRBO; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is directing the City's Planning Commission to develop a policy regarding the number of short-term rentals the City shall permit and in what areas of town they should be allowed for the Commission's consideration; and

WHEREAS, the city intends to draft and adopt new ordinances and/or regulations governing short-term rental within 8 months of the date of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buchanan City Commission resolves the as follows:

Beginning as of the date of adoption of this resolution and continuing for 8 months thereafter, the City shall not accept any new applications to register short-term rental units, pursuant to City ordinances. Any short-term rental can not be lawfully established or operated unless registered with the City. This resolution has no effect on proven established short-term rentals in existence as of the date of this resolution. All prior City Commission resolutions and parts of resolutions, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, are hereby rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Kalla Langston, City Clerk

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATE

I, Kalla Langston, Clerk of the City of Buchanan, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution which was adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held on Monday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Buchanan City Hall located at 302 N. Redbud Trail Buchanan, Michigan, with a quorum present.

Kalla Langston, City Clerk