
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

FROM: Tony McIlwain, Development Services Director

MEETING: May 1, 2023

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 14, "Businesses" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burleson, Texas (2005), as amended, by adding article XII, entitled "Registration of Short Term Rentals" and establishing general standards and a registration process for short-term rentals, establishing fees, and providing definitions. (*Final Reading*)(*Staff Contact: Tony McIlwain, Development Services Director*)

SUMMARY:

City staff provided a briefing to the City Council on short term rentals (STRs) during the regular meeting of February 6, 2023. STRs refers to an activity in which one party, the "host," agrees to rent out all or part of a home to another party, the "guest," on a temporary, time-limited basis. The rental duration ranges from days to weeks, but is typically much shorter than a conventional lease agreement.

City staff advised the Council that they have received zoning inquiries and citizen complaints regarding short term rentals within the community. At the conclusion of that briefing, Council directed staff to create an ordinance that provides for definitions, a registration process and a fire inspection. The ordinance being provided for approval accomplishes the direction given by Council.

The ordinance provides for a registration and permitting process that will be handled by the Development Services Department. Enforcement of non-compliant STRs will be handled Code Compliance through the city's normal violation process. The Fire Department will inspect STRs for the presence of properly placed smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, electrical panels and outlets and ingress/egress routes.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the ordinance as presented
- 2) Approve the ordinance with changes
- 3) Deny the ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as written.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

With the exception of collecting the registration fee, there is no fiscal impact to the budget.

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