



115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

**Agenda Item # 11**

**TO:** City Commission of the City of Clewiston

**FROM:** Travis Reese, Community Development Director

**VIA:** Danny Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** March 17, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of *Ordinance No. 2025-04* on first reading amending the Clewiston Code of Ordinance, Chapter 22, Business; Creating Article VIII-Vacation Rentals.

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**Background:**

The City of Clewiston has experienced a rise in vacation rental properties, prompting the need for regulatory measures to address their impact on the community. Currently, no specific legislation exists within the city's ordinances to oversee and manage vacation rentals, creating potential challenges related to public safety, neighborhood integrity, and overall city planning. Recognizing the growing presence of short-term rentals, the City Commission aims to establish clear guidelines to ensure these properties operate in a manner that aligns with community standards and expectations.

To address this gap, the City Commission, under its authority granted by Florida Statute 509.032(7)(a), seeks to implement a structured regulatory framework for vacation rentals. This ordinance will formally introduce vacation rental regulations into the city's Code of Ordinances, ensuring consistency in their operation and providing mechanisms for inspection and compliance. By enacting this ordinance, the Commission intends to promote public welfare while balancing the rights of property owners with the interests of residents and visitors.

**Recommendation:**

Motion to approve *Ordinance No. 2025-04* on first reading amending the Clewiston Code of Ordinance, Chapter 22, Business; Creating Article VIII-Vacation Rentals.