



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Short Term Business License Program Consideration

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

1. Move to direct County staff to develop a Business License Program for Short Term Rentals in all unincorporated areas of Deschutes County; or
2. Move to direct County staff to develop a Business License Program for Short Term Rentals in unincorporated Deschutes County, excluding destination resorts; or
3. Decline to move forward with developing a Business License Program for Short Term Rentals in unincorporated areas of Deschutes County.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On September 18, 2023, the Community Development Department brought a review of short term rental (STR) policies and programs before the Board. Staff conducted interviews with various agencies and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive overview of issues related to STRs and potential solutions which could be implemented. Rather than make recommendations for a specific program, the report provided options for the Board to consider as it evaluates the impact of STRs within the community.

During this discussion, the Board directed staff to research and outline options for a Business License Program for Short Term Rentals in the unincorporated areas of Deschutes County. Staff from Community Development, Finance, Administration, and Legal provided input into a Short Term Rentals Business License Briefing which is included in the meeting packet.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

No budget impacts have yet been identified.

ATTENDANCE:

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Robert Tintle, Finance Director
Judi Hasse, Deputy Tax Collector
Michelle Assia, Management Analyst, Transient Room Tax
Peter Gutowsky, CDD Director
Dave Doyle, Legal Counsel