



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, October 23, 2023

Subject: Short Term Rentals and Ghost Homes

Category: City Business

Staff Contact(s): Steve Burns, City Manager and Scott Missall, City Attorney

Summary

In Medina, as in many other cities, long-vacant homes have become increasingly noticeable for the lack of community presence and neighborhood participation, and oftentimes for unattended yards and shrubbery. For similar but also different reasons, Staff and Council have received comments and complaints about the use of residential properties in Medina (whether occupied or not) for short-term rental purposes.

This memorandum provides the Council with a legal overview of such properties and uses, pertinent Washington State requirements, and some limited examples of regulations adopted in other jurisdictions. The intent of the memorandum is to provide initial information for Council and Staff to begin discussing these topics, and to identify possible regulatory options, directions, and determinations as to whether (or not) formal regulatory actions are appropriate or warranted.

Attachment

Memo: Introduction to Short Term Rentals & Ghost Homes

Budget/Fiscal Impact: N/A.

Recommendation: Discussion and initial directions.

City Manager Approval:

Proposed Council Motion: DNA

Time Estimate: 20 minutes