

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE II *HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX* OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

Section 36.15 – Definitions is hereby amended as follows:

The definition of *Hotel* shall be amended by the addition of the words “short-term rentals” so that *Hotel* reads “...apartments not occupied by permanent resident, **short-term rentals**, and all other facilities...”

The definition of *Permanent resident* shall be amended by the addition of the words “...for at least 30 consecutive days, **as long as there is no interruption of payment for the period.**”

The following definition shall be added: ***Short-term rental. Shall mean consideration for occupancy of all or part of a residential structure/ residential property, whether or not permanently occupied by others.***

SECTION 2.

Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The City hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2021.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 1st day of December, 2020.

Doug Svien, Mayor

ATTEST:

Staci L. King, City Secretary

Reviewed by Allen L. Barnes,
City Manager

Approved as to form and legality by
Randy Thomas, City Attorney