



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Type: Council - Regular

Meeting Date: July 21, 2022

Agenda Item Type: New Business

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STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of the adoption of a new ordinance regulating Tourist Accommodations.

BACKGROUND:

The operation of tourist accommodations, or short term rentals, is a new and growing phenomenon across the U.S. because it allows virtually anyone to generate income by renting their home, a room in their home, or a similar space designed for habitation to individuals for periods of less than 30 days. Tyrone currently has at least 16 short term rentals listed within its jurisdictional boundaries and that number is sure to grow over the next few years.

Tourist accommodations are currently unregulated in Tyrone, meaning that anyone can begin hosting individuals in their homes at any time without registering with the Town and without inspections to ensure that the space is safe for hosting individuals. These operations are clearly businesses and should be regulated as such, so before you tonight is a newly drafted Town ordinance that, if passed, provides a basic level of regulation over these operations to include a requirement to be permitted by the Town and to meet certain health and safety standards before receiving a permit. Nothing about this ordinance prohibits the operation of tourist accommodations.

It should be noted that one existing operation in Tyrone has become notorious for being rented as a "party house". This proposed ordinance prohibits this kind of activity and limits the number of people a given property may accommodate (2 per bedroom).

FUNDING:

None required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Ordinance.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS:

N/A