



## Short Term Rental Work Group

August 25, 2023

11:30 am

Council Chambers

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### Meeting Agenda

1. Call the Meeting to Order Molly Darragh
2. Approval of July Minutes Molly Darragh
3. Legal opinion on sharing registry data Legal Staff
4. Draft STR Registration Proposal Tyler Overstreet
5. Discussion of Proposal Committee
6. Public Comment Molly Darragh
7. Agenda for September Meeting Molly Darragh
8. Adjourn Molly Darragh

## Short Term Rental Work Group Minutes

July 28, 2023

11:30 am

Meeting called to order

Minutes approved

### Visit Bentonville

- 71 STRs in .5 mile
- Over 300 STRs in 2 miles
- STR increased from 1100 to 1200 about 20% are crossover between Airbnb and VRBO
- 4% of housing stock are STRs

### Practicalities and Feedback on STR registration

- No additional software needed by the city (registration would be simple)
- Informational packet provided for issues and information
- \$25 registration fee
- Registration will include what information, how it's shared and with whom

### Registration

- We can request that all businesses register.
- Can provide something that shows a business is registered.
- Motion: To recommend to staff that they establish a recommended ordinance to register short-term rentals for \$25 under Section 1-8

### Defining STRs

- City is asked to define for us.
- Molly shared the definition for the previously distributed report of neighboring towns.

### Community Survey

- Voted against

### Public Comment

- Susanna Styles (STR manager)
  - Airbnb has a place to lodge neighbor complaints
  - Questions about data and how it is being shared
  - Does the city hold any liability once they become involved
  - Why?
  - How do emergency responders contact homeowners?
  - Badge, collaboration, 1st priority to licensing
- Larry Kelly (realtor)
  - Bella Vista has been sued for unconstitutionality
  - No need to have registration since it's not required of long-term rentals

- Jared Styles (STR Manager)
  - STRs taxes are paid

Agenda for July

- Legal's opinion on how STR info is shared
- City STR registration concept
- Work Group Discussion of STR registration recommendation

Adjourned

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