

RES - 04248

**REQUESTED BY MAYOR DYER, VICE MAYOR WILSON, AND
COUNCILMEMBERS BERLUCCHI, REMICK, ROSS-HAMMOND, SCHULMAN,
TAYLOR AND WOOTEN**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SHORT TERM
RENTAL ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the City's Zoning Ordinance regulates short term rentals, and the taxation chapter of the City Code addresses the transient occupancy tax with respect to short term rental operators;

WHEREAS, enforcement of the City Code provisions has been challenging due to the nature of short term rentals and the fact that, under state law and the City ordinances, short term rental properties are subject to different requirements based on their location and their grandfathered status, or they may be prohibited;

WHEREAS, during the November 28, 2023, City Council workshop, City staff gave a public presentation that addressed, among other things, short term rental properties that are not compliant with City Code requirements or that are only partially compliant with those requirements;

WHEREAS, the City Council would benefit from having a task force review the challenges to regulatory enforcement and recommend to the City Council steps that the City could take to improve compliance, as well as recommendations for how the City's limited number of enforcement employees could best prioritize their enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the task force could also consider City recognition of short term rental owners who comply with all short term rental regulations as a positive reinforcement and as a form of recognition that could incentive potential guests to choose their short term rental;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, THAT:

1. The City Council hereby establishes the Short Term Rental Enforcement Task Force.

2. The task force shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, and the City Council shall appoint its members.

3. The task force shall consist of eight voting members.

4. The City Manager shall provide staff support to the task force, including representatives of the Planning Department and an employee of the City Manager's

41 Office with legislative expertise, and one or more members of the City Attorney's Office
42 shall provide legal support. The Commissioner of Revenue is asked to support the task
43 force by having a representative attend task force meetings.
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45 5. The task force shall study the many aspects of short term rental enforcement
46 and registration, including grandfathered properties, and recommend to the City Council
47 ways in which enforcement and registration could be improved, including prioritization of
48 enforcement efforts and consideration of City recognition of short term rental owners who
49 are fully compliant with all short term rental regulations.
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51 6. Given the complexity of short term rental enforcement, this resolution does not
52 impose a deadline for the work of the task force, but because the regulation of short term
53 rentals impacts the quality of life for the City's residents, the Council asks that the task
54 force work expeditiously to provide their recommendations to the City Council.
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56 7. Absent further action by the City Council, the task force will automatically
57 dissolve upon its submittal of its recommendations.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on the 12th day of
December, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:



City Attorney's Office

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