

Department of Safety and Inspections and Planning and Economic Development City Council Resolution - Short Term Rentals

Council Resolution:

Request the Department of Safety and Inspections and the Department of Planning and Economic Development to study AirBnB and similar companies and how their operations align with current city ordinances. In addition, the Council asks that the Departments evaluate whether current codes ensure that visitors, landlords, AirBnB neighbors and private property are safe and protected. The Departments shall ensure that the appropriate taxes are being collected from these sorts of properties and uses. The Council asks that the Departments bring forward a report of their findings and any suggested ordinance changes, if needed. (By June 1, 2016.)

Work Conducted:

Researched:

- Potential Impacts of Short Term Rentals:
 - Life safety and code compliance
 - Nuisance and neighborhood livability
 - Affordable housing
 - Economics
 - Tax liabilities
 - Consumer protection
- Current regulatory tools in place in Saint Paul
- Other Municipal Regulatory Models and Tools

Request:

Staff requests additional 60 days to complete an assessment of individual Short Term Rental properties in the City of Saint Paul to determine current levels of issues associated with these properties.