

RESOLUTION NO. 035, SERIES 2015

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT TO EVALUATE WHETHER CURRENT LAWS AND THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE UNIQUE BUSINESS PRACTICE OF SHORT TERM RENTALS.

Sponsored By: Council Member James Peden

WHEREAS, today travelers and individuals in need of short term rentals are increasingly turning to the internet for new methods to advertise and secure short term rental opportunities, including the ability to rent by the room or an entire house, which has created a fluid market of residential property being offered for short term rentals (commonly referred to as "short term rentals");

WHEREAS, Metro Council is evaluating existing laws to adequately understand licensing, taxation, zoning, health and safety of these new internet based sites for the travelers and residents of these short term rentals arrangements;

WHEREAS, Metro Council understands that Codes and Regulations has received complaints regarding short term rentals and in response has issued notices of alleged violations of the Land Development Code.

WHEREAS, Metro Council seeks to balance the interests and needs of travelers and individuals in need of short term rentals with property owners and residents while also considering the impact on the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Louisville Metro Council hereby requests the Louisville Metro Government, through Develop Louisville, evaluate current laws and the enforcement

thereof to adequately address the unique business practice of short term rentals as described above.

SECTION II: During Louisville Metro Government's review of this matter, Louisville Metro Council requests the executive branch to refrain for a period of 90 days from issuing citations or pursuing alleged land use violations against property owners who list using these sites.

SECTION III: The Louisville Metro Council anticipates introducing legislation within 90 days that is rationally based and reasonably tailored to protect the integrity of Louisville Metro's residential communities and our tourism industry.

SECTION IV: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.



H. Stephan Ott
Metro Council Clerk



David Tandy
President of the Council



Greg Fischer
Mayor

3/31/15

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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