



Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations

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VBCCO POSITION STATEMENT RE: SHORT TERM RENTALS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Whereas, the mission of the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) is “to advocate on behalf of the neighborhoods of Virginia Beach”;

Whereas, the City of Virginia Beach (City) recognizes the Short Term Rental – less than thirty (30) continuous days – of a dwelling in a residential neighborhood as a different use of the dwelling compared to occupation by the Owner or a Long Term Renter, as evidenced by the imposition of a Transient Occupancy Tax on each Short Term Rental;

changed to occupancy by members present 9/21/2017
Whereas, the City Zoning Ordinance is silent on Short Term Rentals in residential neighborhoods;

And Whereas, Short Term Rentals present problems for residential neighbors;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the VBCCO urges the City to amend the existing Zoning Ordinances to address Short Term Rentals in residential neighborhoods by holding the Owner/Owners, Owner’s Representative, or Rental Agencies accountable for the actions of the renters.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that any Zoning Ordinances for Short Term Rentals pursued by the City should adhere to the following: Parking; Number of Occupants per Bedroom; Rental Outhouses (i.e., Port-A-Potties, etc.); Fireworks; Neighborhood Disturbances; and Excessive Trash/Trash Removal.

It is the considered opinion of The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations that these amendments and/or additions to existing Zoning Ordinances will promote the health and safety of residents and renters; ensure the peaceful enjoyment of the neighborhoods by residents and renters; and protect properties and property values of residential neighborhoods, to the benefit of the neighborhoods and the City as a whole. It is also the opinion of said Organization that these amendments will promote equality and fairness within the Rental Industry in holding Short Term Rentals to the same standards as the Hotel and Motel Industry which operate in the exact same manner.