

RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TEMPORARY STAY
ON SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2014, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah enacted the state of Georgia's first short term vacation rental ordinance, appearing in the Code of General Ordinances at sections 8-10010 through 8-10018; and

WHEREAS, the intent and purpose of the short term vacation rental ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of individuals and the community at large; to monitor and provide reasonable means for citizens to mitigate impacts created by the occupancy of short term vacation rental units; and to implement rationally based, reasonably tailored regulations to protect the integrity of the city's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, to lawfully operate a short term vacation rental within the City, an application must be submitted to the Director of Tourism Management and Ambassadorship; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the City accepted 388 applications; in 2016 the City accepted 266 applications; and for 2017 year-to-date the City has accepted 485 applications for short term vacation rentals; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah wish to temporarily pause the processing of new applications for registration of short-term vacation rentals to facilitate an examination into the impact of such usage on the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen have the discretion to impose a temporary stay on the processing of new applications, provided that the stay is limited in scope, applicability and duration; and

WHEREAS, city staff has been working with stakeholders to formulate proposed revisions to the short term vacation rental ordinance consistent with its stated intent and purpose, which work has not been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen deem it necessary and advisable to enact a resolution imposing a temporary stay on the processing of applications for short term vacation rental registration for a period of 90 days;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah that the City does hereby enact a resolution which imposes a stay on the processing of applications for short term vacation rental registration for a period of 90 days. This resolution shall not apply to any property owner that has applied prior to the date of adoption of this resolution to register a short term vacation rental.

This resolution shall expire 90 days from the date of its adoption.

Approved, this 6th day of July, 2017.

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Clerk of Council