

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES**

**JULY 10, 2018**

At a worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: James K. White, Chairman; James P. Crozier, Vice Chairman; R. Mark Johnson; S. Teel Goodwin; and Lee H. Frame. Also present: R. Bryan David, County Administrator; Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: SHORT-TERM RENTAL OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

R. Bryan David, County Administrator, explained that at its Retreat, the Board had identified the short-term rental of residential property as a worksession topic. He reviewed the definition of Short-Term Lodging Facility, as included in the Zoning Ordinance, as well as the permitted zoning districts, which had been established in 2015.

Mr. David indicated that the General Assembly had recently amended the Code of Virginia to allow for the creation of a registry for the short-term rental of residential property. The Code provided the enabling authority for local governments to establish said registry and require operators of short-term rentals to register annually. Additionally, the operators of short-term rentals are required to remit transient occupancy tax to the Treasurer, in accordance with the Orange County Code of Ordinances. However, upon initial research, it appeared only a small number of short-term rentals were complying with the collecting and remitting of said taxes.

Mr. David opened the discussion to the Board on interest in adopting an ordinance that would establish a registry for the short-term rental of residential property in Orange County, pursuant to enabling legislation in the Code of Virginia.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: a taxation approach; the idea that the \$500 registration fine may not deter operators from complying; enforcement of the Statewide Fire Code; inspection requirements for rentals; the inability to access property information from the various short-term rental websites; the separation of establishing the ordinance and creating the registry; public access to the registry; and the implementation of a registration fee and/or penalty for not registering.

By consensus, the Board agreed for staff to proceed with the development of an ordinance amendment establishing a registry for the short-term rental of residential property, which would be presented for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

RE: ADJOURN

The Board concluded its Worksession and continued to its Regular Meeting at 4:48 p.m.

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James K. White, Chairman

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R. Bryan David, County Administrator