

SHORT-TERM RENTAL PUBLIC MEETING QUESTIONS

ANSWERS PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK

The following 15 questions were asked by participants in the September 23rd public comment meetings. Answers are provided, **in red**, below each question.

- What prompted this ordinance? Is it related to the shooting incident?
 - **The Village has received a number of short-term rental complaints regarding such items as overcrowding, garbage, noise and parking. The shooting incident you refer to is also a significant concern.**

- Where is the data to support what short-term-rental problems we are having in the Village?
 - **The Police Department, as well as the Development Customer Services Department, have, over the years, received complaints regarding short term rentals.**

- What does the data tell us regarding the number of police visits to short-term rental addresses in Oak Park?
 - **Because the Village has not regulated short-term rentals in the past, we have been unable to develop specific data regarding police visits to these locations. Requiring short-term rentals to become licensed will allow the Village the opportunity to develop this data going forward.**

- How does this proposed regulation of short-term rental units compare to how the Village regulates apartment rental units in Oak Park?
 - **The Village regulates apartment rental units and requires licenses of all long-term rental property.**

- Why is the information on the Village's website, regarding the proposed ordinance, different from the ordinance itself?
 - **The information on the Village's website was a summary of the proposed ordinance with a link provided to the actual ordinance.**

- What will be the Village's operational expenses to administer this proposed ordinance?
 - **The Village has staff in place who already administer licensing and inspections. The required licensing and inspections will be completed by the same staff.**

- How was the occupancy limit table determined?
 - **The occupancy limits were based upon providing two people per bedroom plus one extra person.**

- There is an insurance requirement in the proposed ordinance. Why is this being proposed?
 - The purpose of the insurance requirement is to ensure that liability coverage has been obtained for each short-term rental property.
- Does the Village require licensed hotels and B&B establishments in Oak Park to keep a written guest list available for the Village's review?
 - Licensed hotels are required to keep a guest register.
- Are Oak Park landlords, who rent apartments, subject to the same requirements that exist in the proposed ordinance?
 - The Village regulates apartment rental units and requires licenses from all long-term rental property.
- Why would the village single out short-term renters with these regulations do not apply to long term renters?
 - Short term renters are seen as transitory; whereas, long term renters are residents of the community.
- Does this proposed ordinance take away a condo association boards ability to restrict the use of short-term rentals in a condo building?
 - No, condo associations will still have the ability to regulate and restrict the use of short-term rentals in a condo building.
- What's the Village's consideration process after this is discussed with the Village Board?
 - Staff will present to the Village Board the community feedback received and revisions to the proposed ordinance, based upon that feedback. When the Village Board decides on how to proceed with the ordinance, staff will carry out the direction of the Board.
- When will this ordinance be decided?
 - The Village Board requested to hear community feedback. That feedback, along with the revised ordinance, will be on the Boards November 1' 2021, meeting agenda.
- What about Community Relations? Are they helping?
 - Yes, however, Community Relations enforces the Village's Human Rights Ordinance and Fair Housing Policy, encourages block organizing, community safety and multi-cultural training, mediates landlord/tenant and neighbor disputes and provides resident training in community outreach. Most of the issues of concern related to short-term rentals fall outside of the Community Relations Departments responsibilities.