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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the sense of the Council that the Zoning Commission should revise its use permissions relating to short-term rentals and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs should establish a business license for all short-term rentals.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council Regarding Short-term Rental Accommodations Resolution of 2016".

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

(1) Short-term rentals in the so-called sharing economy, often facilitated by online search services, have become a common means for tourists to book accommodations while on vacation.

(2) Vacationers looking to find affordable, convenient, comfortable accommodations will frequently rely on such short-term rentals in the sharing economy, often beginning and ending their search for accommodations using online search services in the sharing economy.

(3) Residents who have an extra room or are going out of town for a short period of time increasingly look to providing short-term rentals in the sharing economy as a convenient, reasonable means of supplementing their income.

33 (4) Competition through innovative methods of providing services should be
34 fostered.

35 (5) Facilitating the provision of short-term rentals should be a priority of the
36 District both as a means of attracting tourists to the District and as a way to satisfy residents who
37 would like to earn extra income by participating in the sharing economy.

38 (6) Although the availability of short-term rentals in the sharing economy has
39 enhanced the options available to both vacationers and property owners, the quality of such
40 rental property is not regulated consistent with practices expected of other traditionally, short-
41 term rentals.

42 (7) Complete lack of regulatory oversight of short-term rentals in the sharing
43 economy undermines the effectiveness of District laws aimed at ensuring proper health and
44 safety, zoning, affordable housing, and rental accommodations compliance.

45 (8) Some property owners and renters have abused the ability to offer short-term
46 rentals.

47 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that:

48 (1) The Zoning Commission should expeditiously revise its use permissions
49 relating to short-term rentals to foster the sharing economy while ensuring that health, safety, and
50 neighborhood concerns are properly addressed by property owners.

51 (2) Once the Zoning Commission revises its use permissions relating to short-
52 term rentals, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs should establish a business
53 license for all short-term rental offerings validly offered through the sharing economy.

54 Sec. 4. The Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the
55 Zoning Commission, to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, and to the Mayor.

56 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
57 the District of Columbia Register.