

LACONIA CITY COUNCIL
Government Operations and Ordinances
March 25, 2019

Chairman David Bownes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Recording Secretary: City Clerk Cheryl Hebert

Committee Members Present: Andrew Hosmer, and David Bownes (Chair)

Not Present: Bruce Cheney

Councilor Cheney arrived to the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Staff present: City Manager Scott Myers

1. Discussion of the Regulation of Short Term Residential Rental Businesses

Councilor Bownes has met with the Director and Assistant Director of Planning. Dean Trefethen, Director of Code/Planning – handed out to the audience as well as one into the record copies of the Planning Departments proposal on how to regulate short-term residential rental businesses. He explained the details of the proposal with some changes his department has made to the Mayor’s original proposal. Some of the changes being requested by Planning are:

1. Add a definition to 235-13
2. Add a new zoning section: Residential Accessory Uses
3. Create an Administrative Approval Form
4. Create a complaint process
5. Inspection criteria needs to be determined
6. Trash policies
7. Parking policies
8. Occupancy policies
9. Contact Information
10. Planning Department will also need to create a database to manage renewal notices and for information to be shared with other City departments.

Councilor Bownes would like to see a waiver process for certain situations. Councilor Bownes recognizes that times have changed and the City needs to adapt to current situations.

Councilor Hosmer would like to see the Council vote to continue to move forward with this process.

Dorothy Duffy, 47 Whipple Avenue – submitted to the Clerk research she has done in regards to this topic.

Rob Richland – Owner of Bayside Rentals – Mr. Richland is in favor of this business and when short-term rentals are handled correctly, it can be very successful for the City. He stated the direction the City is attempting to take is the correct way to do things.

Councilor Bownes asked if R. Richland would be willing to share the rules and regulations that Bayside Rentals uses.

Tom Seigle – 44 Village Court – If this Ordinance passed, how would it affect Home Owner Associations? Councilor Bownes stated association rules would need to be followed, meaning if the HOA does not currently allow short-term rentals then whether this ordinance is passed or not does not matter. T. Seigle would like to see the sanctity preserved of the single-family neighborhoods.

David Stamps – 20 Pinebrook Lane – D. Stamps applauds the direction this is taking. D. Stamps is concerned about abutter notifications. He suggests making part of the database accessible to the public and a link on the weekly newsletter letting the public know where these short-term rentals are located.

Councilor Cheney moved to recommend to the Council to move forward with the current process that the Planning Department is doing and refine any Ordinance that deals with Short-Term Rentals as well as schedule another meeting, seconded by Councilor Hosmer, the *motion passed with all in favor.*

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the committee, Councilor Bownes adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Bownes, Chair

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY COUNCILOR BOWNES ON APRIL 2, 2019