



Ad Hoc Committee Reviews Vacation Rentals

Community Advisory Committee Weighs Issues, Impacts & Solutions

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 16, 2018-The City of Steamboat Springs is establishing a Vacation Rental Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to study and determine if issues exist with the present vacation rental model; and if so, to recommend modifications to City Council.

“Vacation Rentals have been at the forefront of discussions in many mountain communities lately,” said City Council President Pro Tem, Kathi Meyer. “After several meetings where this topic arose, council is looking to gain direction from the community on how it would like to see this issue addressed.”

With the proliferation of vacation ownership and nightly rentals, City Council is interested in understanding the topic more in depth and how this matter is or is not impacting the community as it pertains to long-term rental housing, neighborhood character, sales & lodging tax collection, safety and enforcement. With this goal in mind, council approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to dive into vacation and nightly rentals, including Vacation Rentals By Owner (VRBO), AirBnB or similar businesses.

The Ad Hoc committee will be comprised of two members from City Council (Councilor Sloop & Meyer) and Planning Commission (Commissioner Ptach & Eck) along with two members each representing the Realtor and Property Management groups. Rounding out the assembly will be three At-Large seats open to community members. The 11-member Ad Hoc committee will work with the Planning & Community Development Director and Staff Attorney.

The Board of Realtors and the Lodging Committee would recommend candidates to fill their respective seats. All three representative groups (Realtors, Property Management and At-Large) will be required to submit an application by or before 5PM on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

Once assembled, the group will meet twice monthly between November to mid-February; before presenting City Council with the committee’s recommendation at the end of February. The committee will review in broad terms the following categories:

- Determine whether there is a problem that needs solving;
- Evaluate options and potential solutions to identify problems; and
- Provide recommendations to City Council for further consideration

Interested parties can find information on the Vacation Rental Ad Hoc Advisory Committee along with the application on the city website. Applications may be dropped off at City Hall or submitted electronically to bessey@steamboatsprings.net before the deadline.

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