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ORDINANCE NO. 793  
2<sup>ND</sup> SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 5.08  
CLARIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
REGISTRATION OF SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS

The City Council of the City of Alexandria does **ORDAIN**:

**SECTION I.** That City Code Section 5.08, Subdivision 2.A be hereby amended by deleting the period at the end of the sentence, and inserting the following:

"for a period of not less than thirty (30) days, but not including private/vacation home rental, bed and breakfast, resort, hotel or motel."

**SECTION II.** That City Code Section 5.08, Subdivision 2 be hereby amended by the addition of the following:

I. Private/vacation home rental - Any home, cabin, condominium, bedroom(s) or similar building that is advertised as, or held out to be a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public on a nightly, weekly, or for less than a 30-day time period, and is not a bed and breakfast, resort, hotel or motel.

J. Resort - An establishment that includes buildings, campgrounds, lodges, structures, dwelling units/sites, homes, enclosures or any part thereof kept, used, maintained or advertised as or held out to the public to be, a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to the public and primarily to those seeking recreation, for periods of one (1) day, one (1) week, or longer, and having for rent two (2) or more homes, cabins, units, campsites or enclosures. All cabins, rooms, dwelling units/sites or enclosures must be included in the resort rental business. The entire parcel(s), lot(s), or tract(s) of land must be controlled and managed by the licensee.

K. License - "License" includes the whole or part of any permit, certificate, approval, registration or similar form of permission or renewal required by City ordinance or State law administered by the City for the operation of any business, service, or facility, including the permission or renewal granted by Horizon Public Health for the operation of a private/vacation home rental or resort.

**SECTION III.** That City Code Section 5.08, Subdivision 3.1 be hereby amended by deleting the existing language and replacing it with the following:

1. It shall be unlawful for any owner to rent or cause to be rented, leased or let within the City, any Rental Unit for other than short-term occupancy (of not less than thirty [30] days) unless that Rental Unit is registered for occupancy pursuant to a valid and current rental registration issued by the City of Alexandria.

**SECTION IV.** That City Code Section 5.08 Subdivision 12.2 be hereby amended by deleting the existing language and replacing it with the following:

2. Any registration or license issued under this Ordinance is subject to the right, which is hereby expressly reserved by the City, to deny, suspend, revoke or not renew the same should the Registration Holder or their agents, employees, representatives or lessees directly or indirectly operate or maintain the rental dwellings contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance or any other ordinance of the City or any special permit issued by the City, or the laws of the State of Minnesota. Provided, however, registration shall not be denied, suspended, revoked, or not renewed if the Registration Holder complies with a compliance order or orders in a reasonably timely manner as determined by the City.

**SECTION V.** That City Code Section 5.08, Subdivision 15 be hereby amended by the addition of the following:

3. This chapter may also be enforced by injunction, abatement, mandamus, or any other appropriate remedy in any court of competent jurisdiction.

**SECTION VI.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria this 14th day of January, 2019, by the following vote:

YES: Franzen, Thalman, Osterberg, Benson, Jensen

NO: None

ABSENT: None



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Sara Carlson, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Martin D. Schultz, City Administrator