

RESOLUTION NO. 7577

A RESOLUTION PLACING A MORATORIUM, NOT TO EXCEED SIX (6) MONTHS, ON NEW SHORT-TERM RENTALS WITHIN THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code, municipalities have the power to enact planning and zoning laws that are for the health, safety, welfare, comfort, and peace of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford (“City”) has set goals to increase the supply of housing units within the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Housing Needs Assessment identified a critical need for housing units for household incomes that are below 80% of the Area Median Income; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford adopted new regulations for short-term rentals in 2019, 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 380 hotel rooms currently within the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, there are 178 new hotel rooms planned for construction within the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 75 short-term rentals within the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, short-term rentals provide supplementary income to home owners and a lodging service to visitors during high-demand times; and

WHEREAS, the City has observed homes being purchased for the sole purpose of short-term rental usage; and

WHEREAS, the City will research and develop regulations, including, but not limited to a primary-residency-only requirement; and

WHEREAS, the City Staff shall make periodic reports to Council regarding the status of the regulations and the impact on the supply of housing units within the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the Moratorium will expire automatically after six (6) months unless extended for good cause by Council.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, BUTLER COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: Oxford City Council hereby approves the moratorium, not to exceed six (6) months.

SECTION 2: No new short-term rentals shall be permitted or licensed within the City of Oxford.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at an open meeting of this Council; and that any and all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be a measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City of Oxford and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.


MAYOR

ADOPTED: MARCH 5, 2024

ATTEST:


CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILOR DAVID PRYTHERCH

PREPARED BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (STAFF)

CHECKED BY: LAW (STAFF)