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Temporary Moratorium on Short-Term Rental Licenses – For the purpose of implementing a temporary moratorium on the City's issuance of short-term rental licenses while the City Council considers Ordinance 32-23, Short-term Rental Licenses and Regulations, and amendments to the legislation. **..Body**

CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis

Resolution 55-23

Introduced by: Alderwoman O'Neill Co-sponsored by: Ald. Savidge

A RESOLUTION concerning

Temporary Moratorium on Short-Term Rental Licenses

- **FOR** the purpose of implementing a temporary moratorium on the City's issuance of short-term rental licenses while the City Council considers Ordinance 32-23, Short-term Rental Licenses and Regulations, and amendments to the legislation.
- WHEREAS, The short-term rental market in the City of Annapolis has grown rapidly in recent years; and
- WHEREAS, This rapid growth has raised concerns among residents about the impact of short-term rentals on housing affordability, noise levels, and neighborhood character; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis City Council is committed to studying these issues and developing a comprehensive policy framework for short-term rentals; and
- **WHEREAS,** A temporary moratorium on the issuance of new short-term rental licenses is necessary to give the City Council time to develop this policy framework.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL:

- 1. **Findings and Declaration of Policy.** The Annapolis City Council finds and declares that:
 - a. The short-term rental market in the City of Annapolis has grown rapidly in recent years.
 - b. This rapid growth has raised concerns among residents about the impact of short-term rentals on housing affordability, noise levels, and neighborhood character.
 - c. The Annapolis City Council is committed to studying these issues and developing a comprehensive policy framework for short-term rentals.
 - d. A temporary moratorium on the issuance of new short-term rental licenses is necessary to give the Annapolis City Council time to develop this policy framework.
- 2. **Moratorium on New Short-Term Rental Licenses.** A temporary moratorium is hereby imposed on the issuance of all new short-term rental licenses in the City of Annapolis.
 - a. This moratorium shall commence upon enactment of this resolution.
 - b. The moratorium shall end one year from the date of passage or on the date the council dispenses with Ordinance 32-23, whichever comes first.
- 3. **Exemptions.** The following are exempt from the moratorium imposed by Section 2:
 - a. Short-term rental licenses that have already been issued and are in effect on the effective date of this resolution.
 - b. Short-term rental licenses necessary to comply with a contractual obligation entered into before this resolution's effective date.
- 4. **Severability.** If any provision of this resolution is held to be invalid, the remainder of this resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2024.

Aye: 6 Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge, and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 2 Mayor Buckley and Alderwoman Pindell Charles,

Absent: 1 Alderman Gay

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY

COUNCIL Date: 2/24/24

Gavin Buckley, Mayor

ATTEST Council Date: 2/24/240

Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,

City Clerk