

RESOLUTION NO. 2-28-23 A

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SHORT-TERM RENTAL
WORK GROUP STUDYING SHORT TERM RENTALS IN BENTONVILLE;
PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON EFFECT AND ANY NEEDS FOR
REGULATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, since 2020, staff has received questions and comments about short-term rentals (STRs) impact to local neighborhoods in Bentonville;

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, City Council approved Resolution No. 10-27-20B requesting a staff study of short-term rentals in Bentonville;

WHEREAS, the results were presented to City Council on March 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023, an updated report was presented leading City Council to request the formation of this group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Bentonville, Arkansas hereby establishes The Short-Term Rental Work Group, hereinafter "The Work Group" for an interim period of six-months to the effect of STRs and prepare recommendations for managing short-term rentals, if needed, in Bentonville;

Section 2: The role of The Work Group is to conduct an analysis of the short-term rental environment in Bentonville by:

- a) collecting feedback on the impacts of STRs in the community and local neighborhoods;
- b) studying solutions to address negative impacts; and
- c) preparing recommendations for managing short-term rentals in Bentonville.

Section 3: The membership of The Work Group will consist of at least 9 (nine) non-compensated members selected by the Mayor to serve in this voluntary role. The membership should reflect representation from various community stakeholders that either reside in Bentonville or own/manage property in Bentonville and will include the following:

- a) 1 short-term rental property owner that resides on the property of the short-term rental unit;
- b) 1 short-term rental property owner that does not reside on the property of the short term rental unit;
- c) 1 representative from a Bentonville short-term rental management company that manages properties in Bentonville;
- d) 1 representative from a Bentonville hotel or motel;

- e) 2 representatives from the Bentonville Neighborhood Council, each in separate wards (must not own or operate a short-term rental);
- f) 1 representative from City Council;
- g) 1 representative from Planning Commission;
- h) 1 representative from Visit Bentonville; and
- i) Additional members as the Mayor determines necessary for fair representation.

Section 4: That the Mayor shall appoint the Chairperson and Secretary from the members appointed;

Section 5: That the meetings for the Work Group will be open to the public and that each meeting agenda will include time for public comment;

Section 6: That the Work Group serve under the guidance of Bentonville Planning Department for administrative purposes;

Section 7: That the Work Group will prepare a written report outlining a plan of action responsive to the tasks contained in Section 2, summarizing the public input and data analysis and providing recommendations for further study if needed. These findings shall be presented to the City Council by June 27, at which time more tasks may be assigned to the Work Group at the discretion of the Mayor and the City Council;

Section 8 - Severability Provision: If any part of this Resolution is held invalid, the remainder of this Resolution shall continue in effect as if such invalid portion never existed; and

Section 9 - Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions: All Ordinances, Resolutions, or Orders of the City Council, or parts of the same, in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED and APPROVED this 28 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

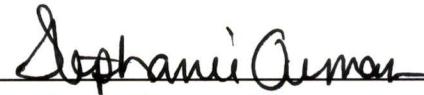
ATTEST:



Kirby Romines, City Clerk



APPROVED



Stephanie Orman, Mayor