

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, new regulations for short-term rentals went into effect on October 1, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, in the course of finalizing the regulations several issues have been identified that warrant clarification to ensure greater compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, enforcement has been difficult due to these issues, and has led to considerable concern among people in the community who are trying to comply with the new regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City's best interest to ensure compliance so that neighbors are aware of the location of short-term rental properties and have a contact in the event of emergency or nuisance, and so that the City has an opportunity to enforce appropriate regulations and collect hotel occupancy taxes; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to bring back recommendations for changing the City Code related to short-term rentals to ensure better compliance and ease of enforcement for City staff, such as:

1. Review the fee schedule for short-term rentals;
2. Consider a different method of notification that provides the necessary information to those who need it, is easily administered, and does not cost as much as mail;

3. Consider allowing the public to register online instead of requiring a visit to a city facility;
4. Consider clarifying or eliminating the short-term rental affidavit entirely in favor of a list of expectations and safety requirements;
5. Review the requirements for suspension and revocation of licenses and propose appropriate improvements to the enforcement process;
6. Consider eliminating the requirement that Type 1 short-term rentals must include the whole dwelling unit; and
7. Provide clarity on whether a short-term rental owner must register before one can advertise their property, or whether registration can happen after a reservation has been made.

These recommendations should be provided to Council no later than 120 days from the passage of this resolution.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2012    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk