



Human Services Commission

To: Mayor Brian Treece and the Honorable Members of the Columbia City Council

From: Stacy Ford, Chair
Human Services Commission

Date: March 11, 2020

Re: Short-Term Rentals

Cities throughout the U.S. have been concerned about the negative impacts short-term rentals have on their communities and have taken steps to mitigate these impacts. As the City Council debates this issue and proceeds to develop policies to deal with short-term rentals, the Human Services Commission (HSC) recommends:

- Including provisions for revenue generation in the form of fees, surcharges, and/or taxes in these policies. Specifically, the HSC recommends that revenues raised in this way be earmarked for affordable housing initiatives and homelessness initiatives.
- Limiting or banning unhosted short-term rentals.

The HSC believes these policies will alleviate and offset the impacts of short-term rentals on the housing market in Columbia.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations of the Human Services Commission.

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