

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2019, Legislative Day No. 40

Bill No. 89-19

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, November 18, 2019

Introduced and first read on November 18, 2019  
Public Hearing set for and held on December 16, 2019  
Bill AMENDED on January 21, 2020  
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on February 3, 2020  
Public Hearing on SECOND AMENDED bill set for and held on February 18, 2020  
Bill Expires February 21, 2020

By Order: JoAnne Gray, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Zoning – Short-term  
2 Residential Rentals

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4 FOR the purpose of establishing registration requirements for the short-term rental of  
5 residential dwellings units; defining certain terms; adding duties applicable to owners  
6 of short-term rentals; adding requirements for internet-based hosting platforms;  
7 allowing for the enforcement of short-term residential rental provisions; adding zoning  
8 requirements for short-term residential rentals; and generally relating to licenses and  
9 registrations and zoning.

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11 BY adding: §§ 11-13A-101 through 11-13A-104 to be under the new title “Title 13A.  
12 Short-term Residential Rentals”; and 18-12-601 through 18-12-602 to be under the new  
13 subtitle “Subtitle 6. Short-term Residential Rentals”  
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*  
17 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

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19 **ARTICLE 11. LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS**

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21 **TITLE 13A. SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.  
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Captions and taglines in bold in this bill are catchwords and are not law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to bill by amendment.  
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter removed from bill by amendment.

1 **11-13A-101. Definitions.**

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3 IN THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

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5 (1) "BOOKING TRANSACTION" MEANS A RESERVATION TRANSACTION BETWEEN A  
6 HOST AND A PROSPECTIVE TRANSIENT GUEST FOR A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL.

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8 (2) "DWELLING UNIT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 18-1-101 OF THIS CODE,  
9 EXCEPT THAT THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE A BOAT THAT IS OR COULD BE USED AS A  
10 DWELLING UNIT.

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12 (3) "HOST" MEANS THE OWNER OF A DWELLING UNIT WHO, IN EXCHANGE FOR A  
13 ~~FEE RENT~~, PROVIDES ALL OR PART OF THE DWELLING UNIT FOR SHORT-TERM  
14 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL USE.

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16 (4) "HOSTING PLATFORM" MEANS AN INTERNET-BASED ENTITY THAT, IN  
17 EXCHANGE FOR A ~~FEE RENT~~, FACILITATES RESERVATIONS AND BOOKING TRANSACTIONS  
18 OF SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS.

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20 (5) (I) "RENT" MEANS THE CONSIDERATION PAID FOR THE USE OR OCCUPANCY OF  
21 A SHORT-TERM RENTAL IN THE COUNTY.

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23 (II) "RENT" INCLUDES BOTH THE "NET RENT" AND THE "ADDITIONAL RENT"  
24 WHEN THE USE OR OCCUPANCY OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL IS RESERVED, BOOKED,  
25 BROKERED, OR OTHERWISE ARRANGED FOR BY A REMARKETER AND THE FULL AMOUNT  
26 OF THE RENT IS NOT PAID BY THE OCCUPANT DIRECTLY TO THE OWNER OR OPERATOR.

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28 (III) "RENT" INCLUDES CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND BOOKING FEES THAT ARE  
29 A CONDITION OF USE OR OCCUPANCY AND ANY AMOUNT FOR WHICH CREDIT IS ALLOWED  
30 BY THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OR REMARKETER TO THE OCCUPANT.

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32 (IV) "RENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE CHARGES FOR OPTIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED  
33 BY THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL TO THE OCCUPANT THAT ARE  
34 IN ADDITION TO THE CHARGE FOR USE OR OCCUPANCY AND THAT ARE SET FORTH  
35 SEPARATELY ON THE BILL PRESENTED TO THE OCCUPANT.

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37 ~~(5)~~ (6) "SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL" MEANS THE USE OR OCCUPANCY,  
38 FACILITATED BY A HOSTING PLATFORM IN EXCHANGE FOR A ~~FEE RENT~~, OF ALL OR PART  
39 OF A DWELLING UNIT TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS TO TRANSIENT GUESTS FOR NO  
40 MORE THAN 120 CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

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42 ~~(6)~~ (7) "TRANSIENT GUEST" MEANS A PERSON WHO PAYS A ~~FEE RENT~~ TO OCCUPY  
43 OR HAVE THE RIGHT TO OCCUPY ALL OR PART OF A DWELLING UNIT.

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45 ~~(7)~~ (8) "UNHOSTED RENTAL" MEANS A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNDER  
46 WHICH THE HOST DOES NOT OCCUPY THE DWELLING UNIT DURING THE TRANSIENT  
47 GUEST'S STAY.

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49 **11-13A-102. Hosts.**

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51 **(A) Requirements and prohibitions.**

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53 (1) A HOST MAY NOT ENTER INTO A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL  
54 AGREEMENT WITH A TRANSIENT GUEST OR RENT A DWELLING UNIT TO A TRANSIENT  
55 GUEST WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING AN APPROVED REGISTRATION FROM THE  
56 DEPARTMENT.

1 (2) A HOST MAY NOT REGISTER MORE THAN TWO DWELLING UNITS AS SHORT-  
2 TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS.

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4 ~~(3) THE HOST MUST BE AN INDIVIDUAL AND MAY NOT BE A CORPORATION,~~  
5 ~~PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED~~  
6 ~~LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY.~~

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8 (3) A HOST MAY BE AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED  
9 PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR  
10 OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY, BUT A DWELLING UNIT REGISTERED BY ANY HOST COUNTS AS  
11 A REGISTRATION BY ANY INDIVIDUAL OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY WITH AN OWNERSHIP  
12 OR FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE HOST.

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14 (4) THE RENTAL PERIOD FOR A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL SHALL BE NO  
15 LESS THAN 24 HOURS.

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17 (5) A HOST MAY NOT ENTER INTO A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL  
18 AGREEMENT WITH A TRANSIENT GUEST OR RENT A DWELLING UNIT TO A TRANSIENT  
19 GUEST, IF OVERDUE TAXES, FINES, OR FEES ARE OWED TO THE COUNTY.

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21 (6) THE HOST SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT THE NAMES OF ALL HOSTING  
22 PLATFORMS TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL AND  
23 SHALL UPDATE THE LIST WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

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25 (7) A HOST SHALL PROVIDE HOSTING PLATFORMS WITH THE REGISTRATION  
26 NUMBER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DWELLING UNIT AND A PHONE NUMBER  
27 TO VERIFY APPROVAL OF THE REGISTRATION.

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29 (8) A HOST SHALL ENSURE THAT A HOSTING PLATFORM INCLUDES THE  
30 REGISTRATION NUMBER IN AN ADVERTISEMENT, LISTING, OR POST FOR THE SHORT-TERM  
31 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL.

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33 (9) THE HOST SHALL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY A SIGN WITHIN THE DWELLING UNIT  
34 STATING THAT THE DWELLING UNIT IS REGISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR SHORT-  
35 TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS AND PROVIDING THE REGISTRATION NUMBER.

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37 (10) FOR AN UNHOSTED RENTAL, THE HOST SHALL PROVIDE TO THE TRANSIENT  
38 GUEST THE NAME OF A PERSON WHO IS AVAILABLE FOR THE TERM OF THE RENTAL AND  
39 A 24-HOUR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PROMPT ASSISTANCE.

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41 (11) A HOST SHALL KEEP RECORDS RELATING TO ALL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL  
42 RENTALS FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS AND, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST FROM  
43 THE COUNTY, SHALL PROVIDE THE RECORDS FOR INSPECTION TO THE COUNTY.

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45 **(B) Application.** A HOST SHALL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION ON A FORM  
46 PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL PAY THE APPLICABLE FEE. THE  
47 REGISTRATION FORM SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

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49 (1) THE NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER(S) OF  
50 THE HOST AND OF ALL PERSONS WITH AN OWNERSHIP OR FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE  
51 HOST;

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53 (2) THE ADDRESS OF THE DWELLING UNIT; A UNIT NUMBER, IF APPLICABLE; THE  
54 NUMBER OF BEDROOMS AND BATHROOMS IN THE DWELLING UNIT; AND THE NUMBER OF  
55 AVAILABLE ON-SITE PARKING SPACES; ~~AND~~

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57 ~~(3) THE HOST'S STATE SALES TAX AND USE REGISTRATION NUMBER.~~

1           (3) THE HOST'S PROOF OF INSURANCE FOR THE SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL  
2 RENTAL; AND

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4           (4) THE HOST'S CERTIFICATION UNDER OATH THAT THE SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL  
5 RENTAL PROPERTY MEETS THE MINIMUM SAFETY CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THE  
6 REGISTRATION FORM.

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8           **(C) Term; renewal.** EACH REGISTRATION HAS A TWO-YEAR TERM. THE HOST MAY  
9 SEEK TO RENEW THE REGISTRATION BY FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT,  
10 TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICABLE FEE, AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE EXISTING  
11 REGISTRATION EXPIRES.

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13           **(D) Fees.** THE FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL OF A SHORT-TERM  
14 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL IS \$400.00.

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16           **(E) Denial; suspension; revocation.**

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18           **(1) Notice and an opportunity to be heard.** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE A HOST  
19 AT LEAST 10 DAYS' ADVANCE NOTICE OF AN INTENTION TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE  
20 A REGISTRATION AND GIVE THE HOST AN OPPORTUNITY WITHIN THE NOTICE PERIOD TO  
21 STATE WHY THE REGISTRATION SHOULD NOT BE DENIED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED.  
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23           **(2) Action by the Department.** AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE HOST'S  
24 COMMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A SHORT-TERM  
25 RESIDENTIAL REGISTRATION FOR A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
26 SUBTITLE; A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 18, TITLE 12,  
27 SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS CODE; FALSE STATEMENTS IN THE APPLICATION; OR A FAILURE TO  
28 PAY OVERDUE COUNTY TAXES, FINES, OR FEES.  
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30           **(F) Assignment and transfer prohibited.** AN APPROVED REGISTRATION IS NOT  
31 ASSIGNABLE AND IT DOES NOT TRANSFER UPON THE SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF THE  
32 PROPERTY.  
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34 **11-13A-103. Hosting platforms.**

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36           A HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

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38           (1) A HOSTING PLATFORM MAY NOT ADVERTISE, LIST, POST, OR OTHERWISE  
39 FACILITATE A BOOKING TRANSACTION FOR A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL  
40 WITHOUT HAVING VERIFIED THAT THE HOST HAS A VALID, CURRENT REGISTRATION  
41 FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS AND THAT THE  
42 RENTAL ADDRESS MATCHES THE ADDRESS ON THE REGISTRATION, EXCEPT THAT A  
43 HOSTING PLATFORM NEED NOT RE-VERIFY THE VALIDITY OF THE REGISTRATION UNLESS:  
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45           (I) THE HOSTING PLATFORM RECEIVES NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR  
46 ANY OTHER SOURCE THAT THE HOST CANNOT LAWFULLY ENTER INTO SHORT-TERM  
47 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL TRANSACTIONS; OR  
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49           (II) THE HOST HAS STOPPED OFFERING SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS  
50 WITH THE HOSTING PLATFORM FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS OR MORE SINCE THE  
51 REGISTRATION WAS LAST VERIFIED.  
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53           (2) A HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL INCLUDE THE HOST'S REGISTRATION NUMBER IN  
54 AN ADVERTISEMENT, LISTING, OR POST FOR A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL.  
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56           (3) A HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL REMOVE AN ADVERTISEMENT, LISTING, OR POST  
57 WITHIN THREE DAYS IF THE HOSTING PLATFORM LEARNS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR

1 ANY OTHER SOURCE THAT THE HOST'S REGISTRATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR  
2 REVOKED.

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4 (4) A HOSTING PLATFORM MAY NOT COLLECT ~~A FEE RENT~~ IN EXCHANGE FOR  
5 FACILITATING RESERVATIONS, ADVERTISEMENTS, LISTINGS, OR POSTS OF SHORT-TERM  
6 RESIDENTIAL RENTALS IF THE DWELLING UNIT CANNOT LAWFULLY BE USED FOR A  
7 SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL.

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9 (5) A HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL KEEP, FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS,  
10 RECORDS RELATING TO ALL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS ADVERTISED, LISTED,  
11 POSTED, OR OTHERWISE FACILITATED BY THE HOSTING PLATFORM.

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13 (6) THE RECORDS KEPT BY A HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME AND  
14 ADDRESS OF THE HOST; THE STREET ADDRESS OF THE SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL  
15 RENTAL; THE DATE OF THE BOOKING TRANSACTION; THE START AND END DATE OF THE  
16 SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL; AND THE RENT AND OTHER FEES CHARGED BY THE  
17 HOST AND HOSTING PLATFORM.

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19 (7) UPON A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY, A HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL  
20 MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION THOSE RECORDS WHICH CONTAIN INFORMATION  
21 USED IN ITS ADVERTISEMENTS, LISTINGS, OR POSTS AND THOSE RECORDS CONTAINING  
22 INFORMATION THAT IS OTHERWISE PUBLIC INFORMATION.

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24 (8) A HOSTING PLATFORM SHALL COLLECT FROM THE HOST AND REMIT TO THE  
25 COUNTY THE OCCUPANCY TAX REQUIRED BY § 4-6-105 OF THIS CODE.

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27 **11-13A-104. Enforcement.**

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29 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW, A VIOLATION OF ANY  
30 PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS C CIVIL OFFENSE AS PROVIDED  
31 IN § 9-2-201 OF THIS CODE.

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33 **ARTICLE 18. ZONING**

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35 **TITLE 12. SPECIAL USES**

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37 **SUBTITLE 6. SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS**

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39 **18-12-601. Definitions.**

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41 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANING INDICATED:

42  
43 (1) "HOST" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN § 11-13A-101 OF THIS CODE.

44  
45 (2) "SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL ~~RENTALS RENTAL~~" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH  
46 IN § 11-13A-101, EXCEPT THAT THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE A HOTEL, A BED AND  
47 BREAKFAST HOME, A BED AND BREAKFAST INN, OR A ROOMING HOUSE.

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49 **18-12-602. Short-term residential rentals.**

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51 A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
52 REQUIREMENTS.

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54 (1) THE HOST SHALL BE REGISTERED AS REQUIRED BY § 11-13A-102 OF THIS CODE.


1 (2) THE SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MAY NOT CREATE A USE THAT IS  
2 PROHIBITED IN THE ZONING DISTRICT IN WHICH THE DWELLING UNIT IS LOCATED.

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4 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days  
5 from the date it becomes law.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: January 21 and February 3, 2020

READ AND PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020


By Order:

  
JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020

  
JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 24 day of February, 2020

  
Steuart Pittman  
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE:

APR 9 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO.  
89-19. THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES  
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

  
JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer