

**Date:** January 24, 2023

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** Michael Cairy, Zoning Compliance Manager  
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**RE:** Proposed Ordinance Regulating Short-Term Rentals – Project File DR2023-001

**Request for Review:**

Please review the following proposed ordinance regulating short-term rentals and forward any comments to me by **February 15, 2023**. The full text of this ordinance can be obtained by contacting this office, or by accessing the Douglas County website at [www.douglas.us/PRO](http://www.douglas.us/PRO) and entering the project file number DR2023-001 in the search tool.

**Summary:**

Throughout 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) and staff met on multiple occasions to discuss the use of residences as short-term rentals (STRs). On February 23, 2022, the Board hosted a live town hall meeting regarding STRs where over 3,000 participants joined online and in person to provide comments on the matter. The Board requested Planning staff develop options to allow for the use of residences as STRs in the County. Staff prepared two options: a draft amendment to the Douglas County Zoning Resolution (DCZR) and a draft ordinance (Ordinance).

In December 2022, after discussion and review of the two options, the Board directed staff to place a draft ordinance regulating STRs on referral for comment. The Board is hosting an additional live town hall regarding the topic on January 25, 2023. Please go to: <https://www.douglas.co.us/event/live-town-hall-short-term-rentals/> for additional information.

**Process:**

Once comments from this referral process have been received, a work session will be scheduled with the Board to review the comments.

Final consideration of the proposed ordinance by the Board will occur at a public meeting, if the Board decides to move forward with an ordinance regulating STRs. Future meeting date(s) may be obtained by calling (303) 660-7460 or by accessing the project information at [www.douglas.us/PRO](http://www.douglas.us/PRO).

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