

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE SHORT-TERM RENTAL P TO P
LODGING BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT UPON STATED FINDINGS
AND CONDITIONS AND THE ADDITION OF “OPERATOR” AND
“SHORT-TERM RENTAL” AS NEW DEFINITIONS TO THE
“ORDINANCE DEFINITIONS”

WHEREAS, the following Ordinance was duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Washington, Virginia on the 13th day of August, 2018 after at a joint meeting and joint public hearing, after due advertisement and notice as required by statute, of the Town Planning Commission and Town Council on June 14, 2018; upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission that Council adopt this Ordinance made July 9, 2018 at the conclusion of the continued public hearing; and after due advertisement and notice and the holding of an additional public hearing by Town Council on August 13, 2018; a motion having been made and seconded that the following Ordinance be adopted and was thereafter adopted by a roll call vote as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED:

“Ordinance Definitions” is hereby amended to add in the proper alphabetical order the following definitions:

“Operator” means the proprietor of any dwelling, lodging, or sleeping accommodations offered as a Short-Term Rental, when in the

capacity of owner, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee, or any other possessory capacity.

“Short-Term Rental” means the provision of a room or space that is suitable or intended for occupancy for dwelling, sleeping, lodging purposes, for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days, in exchange for a charge at all times for the occupancy for registrations to be required.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

USES BY SPECIAL PERMIT, Section 1-4-1 is hereby amended to add a new subsection k. as follows:

k. Short-Term Rental

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ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS, Section 6-1-2, Additional Standards is hereby amended to add a subsection l. as follows:

“l. Short-Term Rental

1. Any applicable Virginia Department of Health Standards shall be observed.

2. Such use shall be a single-family dwelling.

3. Operator must have a parking plan that ensures parking for each structure.

4. Adequate and safe entry upon a public street shall be provided.
5. The Short-Term Rental must be offered by the owner, who is also on premises to manage at all times, when guests are present. No more than two guests per room at any time shall be permitted.
6. There shall be no more than one kitchen in the principal dwelling unit.
7. The use shall not include assembly uses, including, but not limited to, receptions, weddings, funerals or other events, involving persons other than the persons using the overnight lodging.
8. The Operator shall furnish to the Town Clerk current contact information updated as any changed circumstance shall require.
9. The Operator shall furnish to the Town Clerk, from time to time, current certification of good standing with and evidence of AirBnB or other reputable, person-to-person, short-term rental agency that indicates that the recipient is, at all times lodging is offered to others, in good standing.
10. A sheet with emergency procedures and contacts that will be posted plainly at all times within the premises must be submitted to the Town Clerk at the time of initial registration or any re-registration.

11. As a condition of any Special Use Permit issued, the Operator shall timely report and pay all meals and lodging taxes to the Town.

12. If any portion or portions of this Ordinance are found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected in any particular.

Adopted by roll call vote of the Town Council of Washington, Virginia on the 13th day of August, 2018 after due advertisement and the holding of public hearings all in accordance with the statutes made and provided for such matters. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA

BY: _____



Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Dodd

Clerk

Motion Fred Catler

Second Katharine Jessitt

Voting aye: Mary Sullivan, Brad Schneider, Patrick O'Connell,
Mary Ann Kuba, Jerry Spiehl, Kathleen Leggett,
and Fred Catlin

Voting nay: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstaining: NONE