

MOTION

HOUSING

The City of Los Angeles' Home Sharing Ordinance was adopted by the City Council in 2018. Despite the passage of this much-needed ordinance, enforcement of unpermitted and non-compliant home sharing operations has posed a consistent challenge for the City since the ordinance's adoption. A *Los Angeles Times* investigation in 2020, for example, found that thousands of unpermitted rentals, including units covered by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, were listed on hosting platforms and that a majority of unlicensed hosts were never penalized by the City. In addition, according to a recent McGill University report prepared for Better Neighbors LA, over 35% of Los Angeles' advertised short-term rental listings have been illegal since the home sharing ordinance went into effect. The report also found that as of September 2019, short-term rentals had removed 7,300 housing units from the City's long-term housing market.

The consequences of insufficient enforcement are significant. Short-term rentals have destabilizing effects in communities by removing units from the housing market and creating quality-of-life issues for neighbors. During an affordable housing crisis especially, the City must not allow rent stabilized units to be removed from the City's housing stock and tenants to be subjected to displacement pressures without decisive enforcement. While the Planning Department has made important strides in identifying and citing unpermitted listings, the expeditious citation and de-listing of non-compliant properties remains a challenge that will require interagency coordination between various City departments to address. Doing so, however, is an essential step in our ongoing efforts to stabilize and protect our neighborhoods.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, the Housing and Community Investment Department, Los Angeles Police Department, the City Attorney's Office, the Office of Finance, and any other City departments, as needed, to report back within 90 days with an analysis that considers the following:

- Recommendations for how the City can address, among other issues that may emerge in the report-back process, non-compliant hosts renting out properties listed as a primary residence in which they do not live, the conversion of critical affordable housing stock such as rent-stabilized units and covenanted affordable housing units into short-term rentals, the conversion of multifamily residential structures to short-term rentals, short-term rentals engaging in a commercial uses/activities, and properties being rented for longer periods of time than is permitted;
- Enforcement mechanisms that could be implemented in the City of Los Angeles, such as escalating citations and fines, license revocations, and criminal penalties;


- The home sharing regulatory and enforcement models of other cities, including but not limited to, Austin, New Orleans, and San Francisco, nationally, and Lisbon, Portugal, Toronto, Canada, and Berlin, Germany, internationally;
- Strategies for ensuring that all home-sharing platforms operating within the City of Los Angeles enter into platform agreements requiring the sharing of data with the City;
- Strategies for implementing and/or improving real-time data collection, trend monitoring, address identification, compliance monitoring, monthly status reports, and the processing of violations by City departments and complaints by residents; and
- The hiring of additional staff or the creation of a dedicated unit, office, or department that would consolidate the various aspects of home sharing compliance and enforcement in one multidisciplinary team.


I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Planning Department, working with the Department of Building and Safety, the Information Technology Agency, and any other relevant City departments, to report back within 90 days with a plan for the creation of a centralized, digital database or platform that is updated on a continual basis to better coordinate data tracking of non-compliant properties for monitoring and enforcement purposes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Planning Department, working with the Department of Building and Safety, the Information Technology Agency, and any other relevant City departments, to ensure, within 90 days, that the public be able to view on an existing or new publicly accessible online database or platform whether any property in the City has a Home-Sharing License, a Home-Sharing License Renewal, or an Extended Home-Sharing License.

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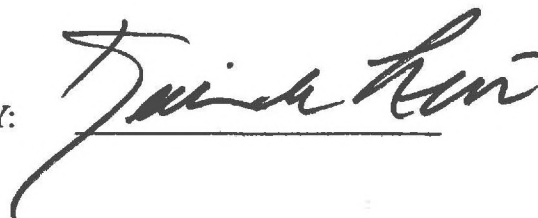

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