

**ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023**

**CITY OF AFTON**

**AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING NEW SHORT TERM  
HOME RENTAL LICENSE AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AFTON, MINNESOTA DOES HEREBY  
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SECTION 1. MORATORIUM

(a) Preamble

The City has experienced negative impacts to neighboring properties, including noise and excessive traffic from activities related to short term home rentals. Continuing with the current short term home rental regulations may jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of City residents. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 412.221, subd. 32 and its general police powers, the City is empowered to act to prohibit additional short term home rentals until new regulations are adopted.

(b) Findings

The City Council finds it necessary for the City to take time to study and consider new regulations to govern short term home rentals in the City, and whether zoning ordinance changes and other regulations are required to assure the health, safety, and welfare of City residents;

Upon completion of the foregoing study, the City will consider the need and options for amendments to City Code to regulate short term home rentals.

(c) Moratorium Established; Scope

Pursuant to authority granted by Minn. Stat. § 462.355, subd. 4, the City hereby establishes a moratorium prohibiting new applications for short term home rentals within the City while the study and implementation of potential regulations and zoning changes is ongoing.

(d) Enforcement

Any person, corporation, or other entity found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The City may enforce this Ordinance by mandamus, injunction, or other appropriate criminal or civil remedy in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(e) Term

Unless earlier rescinded by action of the City Council, the moratorium established by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until September 19, 2024. The

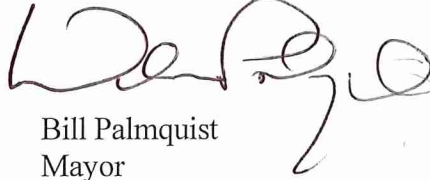
moratorium may be extended as provided in Minn. Stat. §462.355, subd. 4(d).

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage by the City Council.

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2023, by the City of Afton City Council.

CITY OF AFTON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Palmquist", written over the printed name.

Bill Palmquist  
Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Yoho", written over the printed name.

Julie Yoho  
City Clerk