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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2022 July 26	EC2022-0829	Notice of Motion - Addressing Short Term Rental Licensing NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to report back to Council no later than Q2 2023 to: Revise the existing fee structure for short term rentals, building off of the work of the CPS2018-1328 Short Term Rental Scoping Report; Prepare updates to the “Good Host Guide” and “Good Guest Guide”; Update requirements to obtain a business license.
2022 July 26	EC2022-0829	That with respect to Notice of Motion EC2022-0829, the following Motion Arising be adopted That Council direct Administration to: Confirm that Short Term Rentals and other residence-based businesses, regardless of their structures’ physical state of repair, are included within the scope of work initiated in response to Notice of Motion - Problem Properties, PFC2021-1113, approved by Council on July 26, 2021 no later than Q3 2022.
2022 December 06	EC2022-1240	Council Innovation Fund Application – Short Term Rental Economy that Council: Approve the Council Innovation Fund Application for one-time funding in the amount of \$324,070; and Direct Administration to report back to the Executive Committee on outcomes no later than Q4 2024.

Background

A short term rental is defined in The City’s Business Licence Bylaw as the business of providing temporary accommodation for compensation, in a dwelling unit or portion of a dwelling unit for periods of up to 30 consecutive days. Businesses that have been issued a permit for a bed and breakfast are not classified as short term rentals.

Some hosts may choose to rent a secondary or backyard suite as a short term rental. In this case, the suite must meet the requirements for a legal secondary suite, and the host must have a short term rental licence.

As of 2020 February 01, the Business Licence Bylaw includes a two-tiered business licence category for short term rental hosts:

Tier 1 = 1 to 4 rooms offered for rent at \$100 licence fee per property.

Tier 2 = 5 or more rooms offered for rent at \$172 licence fee per property + \$104 per property for the fire inspection.

A lodging house is defined as the business of providing sleeping or lodging accommodation for compensation for three or more persons in the same dwelling unit for periods of 30 or more consecutive days, where each person has entered into a separate rental agreement.