

Next phase for short-term rentals

EC2024-1305

ISC: Unrestricted 2024 December 05



Previous Council Direction

Council approved Council Innovation Fund
Application – Short Term Rental Economy
(EC2022-1240) at the 2022 December 06
Combined Meeting of Council and directed
Administration to report back to the Executive
Committee on outcomes no later than Q4 2024.

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Recommendations

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Highlights

- Balance housing affordability, safety, community impact and enforcement while supporting accommodation sector and economic benefits
- Restricting short-term rentals will not solve housing affordability
- Ongoing collection and monitoring of data required





Research results about short-term rentals in Calgary



- Steady growth since 2017
- 4,950 active listings (September 2023)
- Seasonal pattern
- Serves a need beyond tourism
- Most listings are non-permanent
- Restrictions might turn some properties to long-term rental



Engagement

Phase 1 (Led by: University of Calgary)

- October December 2023
- Public survey
- Interviews with interested parties
- Focus groups

Phase 2 (Led by: The City)

- August 26 September 30, 2024
- Public survey
- Interviews with interested parties:
 - Industry
 - Internal (City of Calgary)



Recommended Business Licence Bylaw amendments

- Introduce Primary and Non-Primary Residence licences
- Moratorium on new Non-Primary Residence licences
- Extend the definition of 'short-term rental'
- Licence short-term rental platforms
- Restrict short-term rentals in affordable housing
- Remove condo board consent requirement



Other actions

- Explore short-term rental property tax subclass
- Form short-term rental steering committee
- Dedicated resources



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