

1 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY TO UTILIZE THE CITY'S
3 RECOMMENDATION IN ANY LEGISLATION
4 CONSIDERED DURING THE 2017 SESSION OF
5 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEALING WITH THE
6 ON-LINE HOME SHARING ECONOMY
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8 WHEREAS, the On-line Home Sharing Economy which is made up of Airbnb,
9 HomeAway, and multiple other on-line platforms allows reservations to be made in
10 homes for short term rentals;
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12 WHEREAS, the growth in this On-line Home Sharing "economy" has grown
13 exponentially in the last five years;
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15 WHEREAS, this economy is virtually unregulated in the City of Virginia Beach,
16 and generally across the Commonwealth;
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18 WHEREAS, the City of Virginia Beach is committed to expanding business
19 opportunities for our residents, however, there have been many unanticipated negative
20 consequences of the Home Sharing Economy;
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22 WHEREAS, in Virginia Beach in late April an individual was killed at a party held
23 at a Home Sharing Economy residence;
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25 WHEREAS, the Health, Welfare, Safety, and Quiet Enjoyment of the City's
26 residents and visitors is one of the primary duties of the City of Virginia Beach;
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28 WHEREAS, unregulated business activities of renting homes in residential
29 neighborhoods can be very disruptive to the residents and homeowners of such
30 neighborhoods;
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32 WHEREAS, the existing hotels and bed and breakfasts in the City are required
33 to pay state and local taxes, and pass elementary safety inspections;
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35 WHEREAS, many of the homes rented through the On-line Sharing Platforms
36 are not paying legally required taxes;
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38 WHEREAS, to address this issue, the City Council established an On-Line
39 Home Sharing Economy Ad Hoc Committee, which has met over the last several
40 months; and
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42 WHEREAS, this Committee has made recommendations to the City Council
43 through its presentation at a meeting on November 1, 2016.
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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
46 OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, THAT:

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1. The Council accepts the recommendations of the On-line Home Sharing Economy Ad Hoc Committee.
2. The General Assembly Delegation of Virginia Beach is requested to utilize the recommendations of the On-line Home Sharing Economy Ad Hoc Committee, attached hereto as Exhibit A, with respect to state any legislation to address the issue during the 2017 Session of the General Assembly.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



City Manager's Office



City Attorney's Office

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EXHIBIT A

Summary of Committee Findings to Date

Recommendations relating to legislation in the General Assembly:

- A. Committee believes that online rentals in residential communities already exist, are widespread, and cannot be effectively eliminated (the toothpaste is out of the tube); however, the regulation of this activity should be subject to local ordinances rather than statewide control.
- B. Committee believes that all local taxes should be remitted directly to the locality rather than the state and that the local tax official should have the ability to audit.
- C. Committee believes that a requirement for appropriate insurance coverage is critical. Many homeowners may not realize that they do not have coverage for rental of their homes under their homeowners' policies.
- D. Committee believes that the General Assembly should grant authority to localities to promulgate health and safety requirements to address parity with other transient occupancy providers and to ensure that rental dwellings are reasonably safe.