



# City of Virginia Beach

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Mr. Edward A. Mullen  
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Dear Mr. Mullen:

The City Of Virginia Beach is very concerned about Online Rental Platforms such as Airbnb. I understand that you are the Chief Lobbyist for Airbnb in Virginia. The City Council is establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to examine the impact of such operations on the City of Virginia Beach, and the fabric of its communities. This committee will be appointed during Tuesday's Council meeting. We hope that they can provide a recommendation back to the Council by the end of September.

I respectfully request that if your client is interested, you participate in the meetings of this Ad Hoc Committee. The group will be made up of eleven individuals from the City representing the business community, the Hotel/Motel Association, and representatives of Civic leagues from the seven City Council districts.

I believe the first meeting will be held in approximately two weeks. There will be two meetings after that so that the Ad Hoc committee can make its recommendation by the end of September, as mentioned above.

If you are interested in participating in this committee, or if there is another individual who could represent the online hosting community, please notify Robert Matthias of the City Manager's office at 385-4242 or [rmatthia@vb.gov.com](mailto:rmatthia@vb.gov.com). Robert will be serving as chief staffer for this Ad Hoc Committee.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

William D. Sessoms, Jr.  
Mayor

cc: Virginia Beach City Council  
Dave Hansen, City Manager  
Mark Stiles, City Attorney  
Robert Matthias, Assistant to the City Manager