

Google Groups

Re: fast tracking 18-1245 to amend the short term ordinance so we aren't thrown off homesharing during the holidays.

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Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

This week AirBnB canceled my December bookings. Not only does that leave me short of covering my mortgage if it is not resolved soon, but I've started hearing from the guests who have been canceled. They are in a panic as their holiday trips are now at risk. They don't know what to do since so many of us have been dropped from the platform there are not good options for rebooking. I told them that with the amendment I will get my ability to host back, but no idea when that will happen and can't guarantee that it will be before their trips so have asked them to find other options and not wait on me.

I can't tell you how grateful I am that my long term position is secure with the amendment to allow for owner-occupied hosts in our own units, but in the meantime, there is probably unnecessary pain for me and my guest while the details are being worked out and committed to paper. Is there any way that you can fight for the platforms to be able to allow us host during the process and have our booked guests returned to us for December while things are being worked out? I can not imagine what the downside is given that the council has already decided by unanimous vote to allow many of us back on the platform. I just don't know who wins from this holiday pain.

Thank you in advance for anything you can do to speed up the process and allow us to host in the meantime.

Marc Bochner

On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 10:26:23 AM PST, Marc Bach <nrgworker13@yahoo.com> wrote:

Councilman Harris-Dawson,

Thank you again for everything you have done in amending the short term rental ordinance for us owner occupied RSO Hosts and for your support in creating more fairness overall.

When the council sent the amendment to be drafted and applied to the ordinance giving it 30 to 60 days it put many of us who were just rescued into a no man's land in the present while we wait for it to be implemented. We were unable to register and thus all had our ads taken down so no new bookings. Then in December, anybody who had previously booked with us will be dumped from our calendars. Can we count on your to help take the next step and either give an extension for implementation or give us the ability to file temporarily so we aren't left with an empty room for the some or all of December (during the holidays). Can this be fast-tracked to take less than 30 days? Can you give some slack to the platforms so they don't dump our calendars?

Whatever you can do to further help us cash strapped owner-occupied rent-controlled owners so we aren't destroyed during the holidays and put into an impossible position of playing catch up in the new year would be tremendously appreciated.

Marc Bochner

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 11:27:37 AM PDT, Marc Bach <nrgworker13@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thank you so much for your support for a balanced home-sharing ordinance that does not victimize RSO hosts as collateral damage. Your statements and questions were quite insightful and encouraging. Thank you for wanting to offer

a lifeline to us RSO hosts to continue hosting in our homes (in our own units with a pin put in the discussion of expanding this to other situations like ADUs).

Now as we move forward toward the quickly arriving Nov. 1st enforcement deadline we need your help still to get the recommendation to move forward as an enforceable amendment and not a study. I believe that needs to happen prior to the council meeting to have it placed on the agenda that way.

Further as I understand it, since my property is RSO, I will not be allowed to register my apartment and will be thrown off of the AirBnB platform on November 1st if there is not either a very quick resolution to making this an actionable amendment before November 1st or grandfathering in my current bookings while you continue to work on amending so that the council doesn't make me collateral damage as put it at yesterdays meeting. If I am tossed off of the platform while things are being resolved and my bookings are cleared, I will be in serious trouble. I need to keep hosting to pay my mortgage and your PLUM committee members understood that many of us will be badly hurt if we are not included in the home-sharing ordinance.

Please help us find a way to grandfather in our calendars and host while the details are being worked out and passed. I am what they call a super host on AirBnB and work very hard at filling my calendar. I am about 75% booked through the end of the year and generally fill all the holes in my calendar as we get closer to the dates. If I am cut off from hosting AND have all my bookings canceled I will be devastated and unable to pay my mortgage... I could lose my home and or wipe out my credit while this is being resolved even as your committee members were clear that I am not who the ordinance was ever intended to cut off from hosting.

I have attached a more detailed story. Please help us find solutions and continue hosting in the short term while you are working out the details to keep us hosting in the long term.

Marc Bochner
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