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Vacation Rental Report Back

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PLUM Committee
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Background

- PLUM Committee requested that Planning report back on options for a "vacation rental" ordinance (for non-primary residences).
- To inform the motion under consideration for future initiation, DCP will discuss a variety of options and considerations.
- No ordinance today. Work program to develop a vacation rental ordinance must be initiated.

 Additional outreach and policy development will be necessary, upon initiation, in addition to City Planning Commission consideration of any future proposed code amendment.

Vacation Rentals in Los Angeles

 US Census American Community Survey (ACS) shows a figure of about 13,500 otherwise vacant units being used for "seasonal, recreational or occasional use" for 2017 (1 year ACS).

 Estimated between 8,000 and 13,000 vacation rental listings in the City.

 Vacation rental universe represents less than one percent of the City's total housing stock.

Cities Where Vacation Rentals are Not Permitted

- New York
- Denver
- Boston
- Portland
- Washington DC
- Baltimore

- San Francisco
- San Diego
- San Jose
- Pasadena
- Santa Monica
- West Hollywood

Cities Where Vacation Rentals are Permitted

Austin	Caps on the number of vacation rental (Type 2) registrations by census tract; In 2016, revised only to only allow in commercial areas by 2022.
Nashville	City phased out vacation rentals in 2018. However, State legislation overturned local legislation to continue to allow grandfathered-in vacation rentals.
New Orleans	 Two typologies were allowed for vacation residences: "temporary" STRs for properties that are temporarily unavailable for long-term occupancy (90 day cap), and "commercial" STRs that are not permitted in residential districts and limited to five bedrooms. Now a moratorium on these types; commercial only allowed in some commercial areas outside historic core.
Chicago	Allowed in multifamily buildings with 5 or more units. In those, a limit of one-quarter of the total number of dwelling units in the building, or 6 rental units, whichever is less.

Possible Policy Approaches

- A. Citywide and/or Census Tract caps
 - With additional restrictions
- B. Vacation Rentals Permitted by Residential Typology
 - e.g. Second Homes, Legacy Vacation Rentals, ADUs, New Construction, Temporarily Vacant Units, Small Multifamily (2-4 unit) Owner-Occupied Buildings
- C. Expand Existing Zoning Designations to Require Conditional Use Permits for Short-Term Rentals
 - Requires additional staffing, resources, and time to prepare for implementation

Additional restrictions can apply to each alternative, such as: limit to one vacation rental listing per host, limitations on RSO and to prevent multifamily building conversion, etc.

Vacation Rental Typologies

Vacation Rental Typology	Description
Second Homes	A non-primary residence used partially throughout the year by the owner
Legacy Vacation Rentals	Any non-primary residence that has existed in Los Angeles for a defined period of time
Accessory Dwelling Units	Any legally permitted ADU (only pre-2017 ADUs are permitted as a non-primary residence under the Home-Sharing Ordinance)
Temporary Vacant Units	Units that are between long-term tenants
Small Multifamily Owner-Occupied Units	Units located in small multi-family (2-4 units) owner-occupied structures
New Construction	A percentage of units in newly constructed multifamily projects

Issues for Consideration

- Impact of vacation rentals on housing supply and availability of affordable housing
- Potential to transform residential neighborhoods
- Level of environmental (CEQA) review needed depends on scope of potential ordinance



Thank You

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