

**City of Rockville**  
**Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission**  
**February 16, 2021**

Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission for City of Rockville met in Session on February 16, 2021.

**Present**

Chair Douglas Lunenfeld  
Commissioner Edward Gonzague  
Commissioner Joseph Tirrell  
Commissioner Mitchell Shapiro  
Commissioner Stuart Graff

**In Attendance**

Miss. Crystal Gorham, Housing Programs Supervisor  
Mrs. Punam Thukral, Housing Specialist  
Mrs. Larissa Klevan, Principal Planner

**4:06 PM Call to Order**

Chair Douglas Lunenfeld called the Landlord-tenant Affairs Commission Meeting to Order.

**4:07 PM Open Forum**

No citizens present

**4:08 PM Short-term Rental PowerPoint Presentation**

- Rental of a Dwelling Unit, or Part of a Dwelling Unit, for a Brief Time Period (Typically Less Than 30 Consecutive Days)
  - : Airbnb, HomeAway, Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO)
  - Owner Occupied
  - Non- Owner Occupied
- Mayor & Council History
  - January 13, 2020- Introductory Presentation and Discussion on Short-Term Rentals
  - Public Hearing #1 November 9, 2020
  - Public Hearing #2 January 11, 2021

**4:21PM Commissioner Comments**

- Owner Occupied
  - May not wish to regulate owner-occupied units or follow long terms rental regulations.
- Non- Owner Occupied
  - Non-owner occupied should be the focus.

- There is an expectation that all rentals are safe/up to code; therefore, a rental license should be the requirement, resulting in the property being inspected by code enforcement.
- Short-term rentals have more traffic/consumers than long-term rentals, which may require more inspections.
- Should they be treated as a hotel?
- Adopt measures that are implemented in other jurisdictions.
- We want to ensure the safety and well-being of the consumer.

Open discussion regarding short-term rentals, but nothing was voted on.

**5:00 PM Adjourn**

Chair Douglas Lunenfeld motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Joseph Tirrell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Mitchell Shapiro seconded, all present voted aye.