

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-___

Summary: A resolution creating the Short Term Rental Task Force to study issues pertaining to short term rental uses code implementation in Chelan County, and to recommend regulation adjustments, or additions needed to county codes for subsequent Board of Commission action under Title 14 of the Chelan County Code.

Whereas, on October 15, 2020, the Chelan County Planning Commission passed a draft short term rental code within Chapter 11.88 of the Chelan County Code that also contained a formal request to the Board of Commission to consider the creation of a “Task Force” to study and monitor future progress of the adopted code in meeting its purpose, and

Whereas, on Tuesday, October 28, 2020, and November 3, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., the Board of Commission conducted workshops regarding that proposed short term rental code, and

Whereas, the Board of Commission recognizes that short term rental use is substantially a new regulated use county-wide with numerous considerations, and that the county, neighboring residents, short term rental owners, business interests, housing advocacy interests, and others may identify new, or continuing concerns and problems that may require adjustments to the adopted code, and

Whereas, Chelan County has received large volumes of public input regarding potential regulations pertaining to short term rentals and said public input has been both positive and negative, and

Whereas, the Board of Commission recognizes that the initial adopted code may need to be adjusted through time to ensure the intent of the Board is being achieved, and that engaging the various interested parties in the analysis can provide for a balanced approach to evaluating the effectiveness of the adopted code, and

Whereas, the Board of Commission recognizes that engaging the various interested parties in the analysis of code adoption can provide for a balanced approach to evaluating the effectiveness of the adopted code, and

Whereas, the Board of Commission believes the creation of a Short Term Rental Task Force composed of representatives of the aforementioned interested parties will provide for a balanced analysis and report to the board as to the effectiveness of the adopted code, and

Whereas, the Board of Commission wishes to adopt a short term rental code that meets the needs of the citizens of Chelan County and is consistent with the county’s comprehensive plan goals, and

Whereas, the Board of Commission is not herein granting any regulatory authority to the Task Force under any titles of the Chelan County Code, and are creating the Task Force as an Ad Hoc body with only advisory standing, and the individual members and Task Force itself exist solely at the pleasure of the Board, and

Whereas, this Task Force is not required by code or resolution to be created or convened by the Board of Commission, but instead may be created and convened at the discretion of the Board, and will exist for a period not to exceed 12 months unless extended for good cause by resolution at a later date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows by the Chelan County Board of Commission:

1. The above recitals are hereby adopted as findings and conclusions herein.
2. Chelan County does hereby create a non-regulatory advisory Ad Hoc Short Term Rental Task Force commencing with the Board of Commission Resolution adopting a short term rental code.
3. The members of the task force will be comprised of ten members, as follows:

Three members, one from each Commission District. Position may be filled by an individual within another Commission District should an individual not be identified or available who is a residential home owner living near a short term rental,

Three members, one from each Commission District. Position may be filled by an individual within another Commission District should an individual not be identified or available, who is the owner of a short term rental in Chelan County,

One member who is a representative of the real estate industry within Chelan County,

One member who is a representative of a housing authority, or other “affordable housing” representative, within Chelan County,

One member of the home construction industry of Chelan County and,

One “non-voting” member from Community Development who represents Chelan County, and serves as the convener and facilitator. Additional staff may be used in a support role as needed.

6. The Chelan County Department of Community Development will create a report from the Task Force containing recommendations to the Board of Commission within a 12 month period following the creation of the Task Force, and after each subsequent 12 month period if the body is authorized to continue.

9. The Task Force may be created upon passage of a resolution for the adoption of a final short term rental code under Title 11.88 of the Chelan County Code and is in the best interests of good government and the public health, safety, and welfare.

DATED at Wenatchee, Washington this _____ day of October, 2020.

CHELAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DOUG ENGLAND, CHAIR

BOB BUGERT, COMMISSIONER

KEVIN OVERBAY, COMMISSIONER

Attest:

Carlye Baity, Clerk of the Board

Dated: _____