



City of Blaine

City Council Workshop

July 21, 2025 | 5:30 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

AGENDA

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.01 of the Blaine City Charter, a Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for the following purpose:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. New Business**
 - 3.1.** 2025-164 Short-Term Rental Discussion
Sponsors: Andrew Luedtke, Community Standards Manager/Fire Marshal
 - 3.2.** 2025-166 Closed Session Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. (3)(d) Security Briefing
Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Adjournment**



City of Blaine Staff Report

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New Business - Andrew Luedtke, Community Standards Manager/Fire Marshal

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Short-Term Rental Discussion

Background

The purpose of this discussion is to provide background information, and a comparative overview of how other Minnesota cities are regulating short-term rentals (STRs) and is intended to support the council's discussion on whether to consider local regulations addressing STR activity in our community.

Short-term rentals are typically defined as residential properties rented for periods under 30 days. They have become increasingly popular through online platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO. While these rentals can offer flexibility for property owners and generate tourism revenue, they may also raise concerns related to housing availability, neighborhood character, and enforcement capacity. The council has discussed short-term rentals at past workshops, with the last occurring on August 1, 2022. In general, the council hasn't wanted to implement separate regulations for short-term rentals outside of requiring a rental license and the various requirements that come with a license. If a resident inquires with city staff about using their home for a short-term rental, they are informed they need to obtain a rental license. City staff do not track or process short-term rentals separately from a typical rental property.

Summary of STR Approaches in Selected Minnesota Cities

City	Regulation
Blaine	Regulated - Treated the same as long-term rental (needs license and inspection).
Brooklyn Park	Prohibited - Short-Term Rentals are not a permitted use in a residential zoning district.
Coon Rapids	Prohibited - The use of a property as a rental with a term shorter than 30 days that is not the renter's permanent residence is prohibited (12-904).
Cottage Grove	Regulated - Treated the same as long-term rental.
Duluth	Regulated - City has multiple tiers specific to short-term rentals.
Fridley	Regulated - Treated the same as long-term rental.

Hopkins	Regulated - Requires a CUP; No more than 6 adults and their dependent children may occupy rooms within a short-term rental.
Maple Grove	Regulated - Has an ordinance/policy separate from standard rental licensing (10-441).
Minneapolis	Regulated - License is required depending on the type of short-term rental property.
Plymouth	Regulated - Treated the same as long-term rental.
Prior Lake	Regulated - Minimum rental at least 60 days but no more than 180 days. Rental for less than 60 days is prohibited. It also sets limits on the number of occupants based on lot and building size.
Roseville	Regulated - The City has a specific ordinance pertaining to short-term rentals.
St. Paul	Regulated - Requires the individual to obtain a license, pay a fee and the host license is valid for a year.
Woodbury	Prohibited - The use of a property as a rental with a term shorter than 30 days that is not the renter's permanent residence is prohibited (6-208).

Considerations for Local Discussion

As the Council discusses STR regulation, potential considerations include:

- Whether to license STRs separately from standard rental properties
- Public safety and nuisance concerns
- Administrative and enforcement resources needed

Staff Recommendation

Questions for Council

Attachment List

None



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New Business - Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

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Closed Session Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. (3)(d) Security Briefing

Background

Closed Session Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. to discuss infrastructure upgrades.

Staff Recommendation

Questions for Council

Attachment List

None