City Council

2024-2025

City of Newton



To: Zoning and Planning Committee
From: Councilor R. Lisle Baker, Chair
Re: Docket #23-24 relating to Short Term Rentals
Date: January 19, 2024

Memorandum

Colleagues:

The following item will be taken up at our next Zoning and Planning Committee meeting on the 22nd:

#23-24 Update on Short-term rental ordinance compliance and enforcement COUNCILORS MALAKIE, WRIGHT, KELLEY, LAREDO, LIPOF, HUMPHREY, LUCAS, ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, AND OLIVER requesting an update on Short-term Rental ordinance compliance and enforcement, including data on registrations, complaints, investigations and fines issued; types of violations being found (e.g. non-owner occupied, room limits, annual time limits, other code violations like noise, health & safety, trash); ability to compare STRs registered with the city vs registered with the state vs listings on public platforms; ability to obtain listing information from STR companies; adequacy of resources or other obstacles to enforcement.

To help with the discussion of this item, I am including the following provisions in our ordinances relating to short-term rentals from Chapter 20 and Chapter 30.

Regards, R. Lisle Baker, Chair