

**ORDINANCE 2025-131**  
**INTERIM ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES**  
**SECTION 462.355, SUBDIVISION 4, ESTABLISHING A STUDY PERIOD AND**  
**MORATORIUM ON SHORT TERM RENTAL HOUSING LICENSES**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE DOES ORDAIN THAT:**

**Section 1. Purpose and Intent.** The purpose and intent of this Ordinance is to prohibit the issuance of short term rental housing licenses, as defined by the City of Rockville Zoning Code, Section 34. Short-Term Rental. The City of Rockville (the “City”) is conducting a Comprehensive Plan update and Zoning Code update, and the City Council seeks additional time to study, analyze, and evaluate the regulatory framework and impact of short term rental housing.

**Section 2. Preliminary Findings.** The City Council hereby makes the following preliminary findings to serve as the basis for the necessary study to be made during the moratorium. These preliminary findings serve as the reasons why it is in the public interest for the City to declare a moratorium by virtue of this Ordinance:

1. The current regulations and controls applicable to short term rental housing may not adequately address the increased impacts of short term rental housing, including but not limited to traffic, parking, the increased need for pedestrian safety measures, and other potential impacts of short term rental housing within the City.
2. To serve the public interest, the City needs to research, analyze, evaluate, and study the impacts of short-term rental housing in relation to the existing City regulatory framework in order to determine the adequacy and effectiveness of current regulations in protecting the public health, safety and welfare of the community.
3. A moratorium is necessary to allow the City to establish baseline measurements and evaluate options prior to any expansion of short term rental housing in the City.
4. This moratorium will ensure any potential ordinance changes will be carefully considered and evaluated; any potential issues can be fully examined; and the planning process and public health, safety, and welfare are protected during the moratorium period.

**Section 3. Moratorium Declaration.** Until the City has completed a study related to the aforementioned findings, the City shall not accept or process applications, issue licenses for, or allow for the construction or development of short-term rental housing in the City.

**Section 4. Study.** During the period of this moratorium, City staff will conduct a study to determine the potential impacts of expanded short term rental housing; such study will help

determine the regulatory controls that may need to be adopted or revised to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare related to the aforementioned purpose, intent, and findings.

**Section 5. Duration.** Unless otherwise provided in this section, this Ordinance shall expire, without further City Council action, twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Ordinance following its passage by the City Council pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 462.355, subd. 4; or it may be repealed earlier if the Council determines that no further study is necessary, that no further action is necessary, and/or any revisions of the City Code have been adopted by the City Council and are effective. The duration of this Ordinance may be extended by the adoption of a subsequent Ordinance for a total time not to exceed the statutory limits in Minn. Stat. § 462.355, subdivision 4.

**Section 6. Separability.** Every section, provision, or part of this Ordinance is declared separable from every other section, provision, or part; and if any section, provision, part thereof, or action taken under this ordinance is held to be invalid, it shall not affect any other section, provision, part, or action taken hereunder.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** That this ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Rockville, Minnesota, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Mark Husnik, Mayor

Attested By:

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Bobbi Kessel, City Clerk