

**RESOLUTION ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATION TO COLLABORATE WITH AN ORGANIZATION TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council is committed to promoting the public health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors in the City of Memphis; and

**WHEREAS**, the growth of short-term rental properties within the City has provided economic opportunities for property owners and increased lodging options for visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has adopted ordinances regulating short-term rental properties in order to ensure accountability, neighborhood compatibility, and compliance with public safety standards; and

**WHEREAS**, recent incidents of violence, large unauthorized gatherings, disturbances, and other criminal activity have been reported at certain short-term rental properties, negatively impacting surrounding neighborhoods and placing additional strain on law enforcement and emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, such incidents undermine quality of life for residents, erode neighborhood stability, damage the reputation of the City as a safe destination and tarnish the credibility of short-term rental platforms; and

**WHEREAS**, effective enforcement of the City's short-term rental ordinance is essential to deter noncompliance, prevent recurring nuisance activity, and ensure that operators adhere to applicable safety, occupancy, and permitting requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Mayor of Memphis has administrative oversight of the divisions responsible for permitting short-term rental properties and enforcing the short-term rental ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration with a qualified nonprofit organization, industry association, community-based organization, or other experienced entity may provide additional resources and compliance monitoring tools to enhance enforcement efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Memphis City Council hereby expresses its concern regarding incidents of violence and criminal activity occurring at certain short-term rental properties within the City; reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that short-term rental operations comply with all applicable municipal ordinances, including permitting requirements, occupancy limits, and nuisance provisions; and requests that the Mayor's Administration identify and engage with a qualified organization—such as a community safety nonprofit, research institution, industry compliance monitoring service, or neighborhood coalition—to assist in strengthening monitoring and enforcement mechanisms; developing strategies to deter repeat

offenders; enhancing communication with neighborhood associations and residents; and recommending any legislative or regulatory amendments necessary to improve compliance;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Administration is requested to report back to the Council within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this Resolution with recommendations, proposed partnerships, and, if necessary, proposed amendments to the City's short-term rental ordinance.

**Sponsor**

Philip Spinoso, Jr.

**Chairwoman**

Jana Swearengen-Washington