



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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***Short-term Rentals***

Alamosa, CO - The City is proposing additional regulations to reduce the increasing impacts of short-term rental (STR) units, otherwise known as vacation rentals, VRBOs, and AirBnBs. The proposed ordinance includes additional licensing requirements and a 300-foot separation between new STRs. Currently, lawful STRs would be exempt from these separation requirements. Owners would also be required to designate a local operator who would be available to respond to issues and complaints.

While STRs are not new, the supply, demand, and impacts of these accommodations have reached new heights in recent years. Communities across the west are struggling with competing interests, such as tourist demand and revenue, individual property rights, the effect on attainable and workforce housing, and the impact of these short-term guests on permanent residents and local neighborhoods. Alamosa is no exception to this complex balance. The ordinance is scheduled to be introduced at City Council on November 17th and a public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for December 1st.

For questions or more information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 719-589-6631.

