



**Special Town Board Workshop Meeting
Proposed Ch. 110 “Rental and Vacant
Residential Properties”
October 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Alex Baer, Councilman David Brownstein. **Absent:** Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 6:38 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

Councilman Brownstein, Supervisor Bettez, Councilman Torres and Building Inspector Stacy Delarede summarized the purpose and intent of the proposed law. The public hearing will be held November 4, 2021, at 7 p.m.

This proposed new chapter of our Town Code, titled “Rental and Vacant Residential Properties” accomplishes the following:

- It requires that all rental and vacant properties in the town submit a registration statement with the building department and obtain an annual registration permit to operate. Obtaining a permit will require a statement that is in compliance with local zoning, state and national fire, health and safety regulations, and is deemed safe and in good maintenance for the protection and benefit of renters and neighbors.
 - With this new chapter, we expect to:
 - Prevent unauthorized rental units that create public health and safety violation. For example, preventing occurrences where a landlord might rent 5 rooms in a 3-bedroom residence
 - Ensure vacant properties are maintained in good condition and meet health, fire and safety codes
 - Be informed and updated with contact information of the owner and local property manager or rental and vacant properties so we can easily contact owners and property managers with questions and concerns
 - Help maintain housing affordability by requiring adherence to local zoning, safety and maintenance requirements for non-owner occupied long and short-term rentals
 - Establish fees for annual registration and inspection and penalties for violations.
 - It also makes it possible to keep track of the inventory of all rental properties and share with interested potential renters

This chapter specifically excludes registration for properties used for agricultural purposes as well as owner-occupied dwellings, multiple dwellings, accessory dwellings or bed and breakfasts establishments because they are already regulated in other parts of the code.

Public Input:

The following individuals asked questions and expressed concerns regarding the law:

- Matt Aube
- Ahmed Ibrahim
- Annilee Neuss
- Adele Ruger
- Paul Knoth
- Keith & Mary Woodburn
- Liz E.
- Lauren Tamraz

At 8:40 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk