



# City of Columbus

## Legislation Report

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**Auditor:** When assigned an Auditor Certificate Number I , the City Auditor, hereby certify that there is in the treasury, or anticipate to come into the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified hereon, to pay the within Ordinance.

**Contact Name/No.:** 5-2150

**Floor Action (Clerk's Office Only)**

**Mayor's Action**

**Council Action**

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City Clerk

**Title:** To amend Chapter 598 of the Columbus City Code in order to establish regulations for short-term rental operations and hosting platforms.

**Sponsors:** Michael Stinziano

**Attachments:** Ordaining language for 2145-2018.docx, Amendment to Ordinance 2145-2018.docx, Legislation Report

### Approval History

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## History of Legislative File

Ver.	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Columbus City Council	07/23/2018	Read for the First Time				
1	Columbus City Council	07/30/2018	Amended as submitted to the Clerk				Pass
1	Columbus City Council	07/30/2018	Approved as Amended				Pass
2	COUNCIL PRESIDENT	07/30/2018	Signed				
2	MAYOR	08/02/2018	Signed				
2	ACTING CITY CLERK	08/03/2018	Attest				

**ODI:** Following the review and approval, when required, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion certifies compliance with Title 39 as of date listed.

**City Attorney:** Following review and approval, when required, this ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office as to its form and legality only.

## Explanation

### BACKGROUND

This legislation updates the current Columbus City Code for Chapter 598 to include regulations for Short-Term Rentals. Due to industry growth and the rise in popularity of this mode of accommodation, as well as growing concerns and interest of community members, regulation was deemed reasonable and necessary.

The City's goal with the legislation is to balance the well-being and interests of City residents and visitors while allowing short-term rentals to operate and become a piece of the economic and tourism fabric in Columbus. Research and a nationwide scan of policies in other cities informed the legislation, as well as numerous meetings with impacted stakeholders such as residents and community members, the hosting platforms, short-term rental hosts, hotel/motel representatives, the tourism industry, and realtors.

After two public hearings with high attendance and over 50 constituent testimonies, policy approaches were discussed and the current proposed legislation emerged as the best current course for the City of Columbus. Another public hearing is planned for this legislation given some policy changes from the original draft.

Section 598.02(A)(2) related to prohibiting the operation of a short-term rental without a permit would not go into effect until January 1, 2019. Sections 598.15 and 598.16 related to penalties for short-term rentals and hosting platforms would not go into effect until March 1, 2019.

Given the rapid growth and dynamic nature of short-term rentals, a thorough review and assessment of the current regulations for short-term rentals will occur 2 years from the January 1, 2019 implementation

date.

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**Body**

**See attached**