# SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATION BYLAW, AMENDMENT BYLAW (NO. 1)

# A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purpose of this bylaw is to amend the *Short-Term Rental Regulation Bylaw* to better align it with the *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act*, clarify the meaning of various terms, and provide for more effective administration and enforcement of that bylaw.

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Pursuant to its statutory powers, including section 8(6) of the *Community Charter*, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, in an open meeting assembled, enacts the following provisions:

#### Title

1 This bylaw may be cited as the "Short-Term Rental Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1)".

## **Amendments**

- 2 The Short-Term Rental Regulation Bylaw No. 18-036 is amended
  - (1) in section 2 by:
    - (a) inserting the following new definitions in appropriate locations according to the alphabetical order of the definitions:
      - (i) "dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in the *Zoning* Regulation Bylaw;",
      - (ii) "host" means the person who, either on their own behalf, or on behalf of the owner or occupier, arranges to offer premises for a short-term rental and includes anyone who manages advertising, booking, guest services, property maintenance, or other services related to short-term rental;",
      - (iii) "platform service provider" has the same meaning as in the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act;", and
      - (iv) "strata hotel" has the same meaning as in the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*;"; and

- (b) deleting the definitions of "operator", "principal residence", and "short-term rental" and replacing them with the following:
  - (i) "operator" means a person who rents out, or offers for rent, any premises for short-term rental, and includes the owner, occupant, host, or manager of the premises offered as short-term rental, but does not include a platform service provider;",
  - (ii) "principal residence" means the residence in which an individual resides for a longer period of time in a calendar year than any other place;", and
  - (iii) "short-term rental" means the renting of a dwelling unit, or any part of it, for a period of less than 30 nights and includes strata hotels and vacation rentals but does not include time-shares when occupied by a time-share owner;",
- (2) in section 3 by
  - (a) deleting subsection 2(e) and replacing it with the following:
    - "(e) provide evidence, satisfactory to the Licence Inspector, that the premises where the short-term rental will be operated are the operator's principal residence.", and
  - (b) deleting subsection (3) and replacing it with the following:
    - "(3) The licence fee for the purposes of subsection (2)(b) is \$150.",
- (3) in section 6 by
  - (a) deleting subsection (1) and renumbering subsections (2) through (5) as new subsections (1) through (4), and
  - (b) deleting in the renumbered subsection (2) the words "subsection (5)" and replacing them with "subsection (4)",
- in section 7(1) by inserting immediately after "this Bylaw," the words "Bylaw Notice Adjudication Bylaw,", and
- (5) by repealing section 10 and amending the table of contents accordingly.

# Commencement

**3** This bylaw comes into force on adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME the	25 <sup>th</sup>	day of	July	2024
READ A SECOND TIME the	25 <sup>th</sup>	day of	July	2024
READ A THIRD TIME the	25 <sup>th</sup>	day of	July	2024
ADOPTED on the	1 <sup>st</sup>	day of	August	2024

"CURT KINGSLEY"
CITY CLERK

"MARIANNE ALTO" MAYOR