

Thaddeus Monckton



Short Term Rental Business Licence Appeal - Response from Licence Inspector - 704 Robleda - Monckton

Christine Havelka <chavelka@victoria.ca>

To:

Mon, Jun 22, 2020 at 12:21 PM

Good afternoon,

Attached is the letter in response from the Licence Inspector to your appeal for your Short Term Rental Business Licence at 704 Robleda Crescent. In accordance with the attached policy on the Appeal Process, you have seven days (July 2) to provide a submission in response to the Licence Inspector's response.

After that date, we will provide that and all of your submissions to the Licence Inspector who will then write a report for Council's consideration of your appeal. We will inform you when that report will go before Council and provide you with a copy. Please note that City Hall remains closed due to the COVID pandemic, but meetings of Council can be viewed live at www.victoria.ca under 'Council Meetings'.

Best regards,

Christine Havelka

Deputy City Clerk / Manager of Legislative Services

Legislative Services

City of Victoria

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June 18, 2020

Legislative and **Regulatory Services** Department

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Bylaw and Licensing Services Division

1 Centennial Square Victoria BC V8W 1P6 Re: Short-Term Rental Business Licence Appeal - 704 Robleda Cres

Your 2020 application was rejected due to non-compliance with City bylaws, including Schedule D of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw, which provides that a short-term rental Pur gose built for resolve to cannot occupy an entire self-contained dwelling unit, except occasionally while the operator is away.

Per Schedule A of the Zoning Bylaw: "Self-contained Dwelling Unit" means a suite of rooms in a building designed for occupancy of one family which has a separate entrance, kitchen and bathroom and for big facilities.

On February 25, 2020, an inspection of 704 Robleda Cres was conducted and photos were taken confirming a self-contained suite a separate entrance, kitchen, and bathroom.

Furthermore, you were advertising the space on FlipKey from Tripadvisor as "[a] selfcontained private suite" (attached). not accorate) vever adverti

For these reasons, your 2020 application for a short-term rental business licence was rejected. Attached are two screenshots from your FlipKey listing, a photo of the separate entrance, kitchen and bathroom taken during the inspection of February 25th, as well as a copy of your occupancy certificate, indicating the presence of a suite at New vocal Flip hus
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Regards.

Kim Ferris

Bylaw Officer/Business Licence Inspector Legislative & Regulatory Services Department City of Victoria

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High End Rockland Downtown Victoria BC Suite for Rent - Home 8816301

Apartment

1 bedroom

😂 sleeps 3

4 nights min stay

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE.

Pay on FlipKey to get Payment Protection for this rental. Never pay by bank or wire Pay on I transfer.

KEY INFO

(C) Child Friendly

(x) No pets allowed

Description from owner

Beautiful 1 one bedroom suite in Rockland area which is walking distance to downtown, Brand new

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Short Term Rental Business License Appeal 704 Robleda CrescentThaddeus Monckton – Operator 3 rd appeal File # 129631 – JUNE 24th, 2020

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3rd NOTICE OF LETTER OF APPEAL - CITY OF VICTORIA RE; 704 ROBLEDA

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Attn-City Clerk and Kim Ferris and Mayor of Victoria and Christina Havelka

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This is my third letter of appeal as per email from Cristine Havelka dated May 15, 2020. I would like my appeal now to be added to the new Short Term Rental Business licence Appeal Process Policy which was attached to the email from Christine.

I am attaching some supporting documents to this appeal which have been submitted previously and are now attached again for this THIRD letter of appeal which follows this letter as attached.

RESPONSE to Letter from kim ferris dated June 18, 2020

- My home was built to code with permits and we obtained a legal suite permit for resale purposes. It was build for many purposes as outlined below.
- This area can be used as a suite with its own entrance
- This area can be used as an in law suite for friends and relatives since it is connected to the main home
- This area can be used for long term rentals
- This area can be used for short term rentals since it is connected to the main home
- This area is not simply a suite but an extension of our home and it was purpose build that way for my parents to live in but my dad died so they could not enjoy it so my mom and family have stayed there as well as other friends and also our sons who moved out moved back in and lived there and we do long term and short term rentals with Air BNB ONLY and during any of those stays guests have access to our home as outlined by many photos and floorplans.
- Your city worked kim only shows the outside door but neglected to include the connecting door photo. Very strange
- She also has an ad on flip key which is not our ad nor have we ever booked with flip key
 nor did I know about flip key. This ad was stolen and constructed by them as a scam I
 guess but it is not my ad nor do we or have we ever used them so this is ridiculous.
- We like many couples in this expensive city need to find rentals in any form to make things work financially and pay city taxes to you so thus rentals.



- This part of our home is being used as it is allowed to be and it is fully connected to our main home and also has an outside door and bathroom and kitchen of course so my guests have the option of doing their things in this area or ours.
- When we do a long term rental we close the connecting door for their privacy but any other time it is open and connected to our home and all shared areas.
- Your city worker kim did not include a photo of the connecting door which would then make it very clear that it is all connected and shared and you cannot prove anything otherwise on how we are able to use our home to gain some income to help live.
- My photos are included and labelled and a floor plan also that shows the connection that
 this whole home is one home with the option for a future owner to rent the area as a
 separate suite if they choose to do so.
- We do not do it that way but choose air bnb and shared living options within our home.
- I would appreciate the harassment to stop and simply let us live in our home without being intruded upon by your employees and their lies and not giving the full picture.
- This is all completely false and we had a business licence the first year and there was no problem and now you make problems for no reason.
- We are allowed to use our home as per your bylaws and have been doing so and we never
 used flip key and we always had our home all connected as per my evidence and not what
 your city worker included which is lying in my opinion and I am extremely angry about
 her behaviour and misleading information and accusations and will need to look at this
 further after this stupid process is over.

Thank you, Thaddeus DATED JUNE 24, 2020 above as well as photos that follow this letter.

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We have a home fully built to code as per the city of Victoria with full occupancy permits in place in which we received the approved occupancy of single family dwelling with secondary suite. We build the home in this manner for re sale in case someone wanted a suite. We however have not rented this living area in that manner but chose to have family and friends stay with us as well as short term persons staying with us in the area and using the shared spaces in our home. This Guest area is connected to the main home by two legal doors and guests and family have access to our home and shared areas during any of their stays.

We were approved for the same license in 2019 and expected we would also be approved for it in 2020 again since nothing has changed in our home or its uses. The inspectors came for a tour



this year and I showed them the living area and its connection to our home with the other amenities as we are not trying to hide anything.

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We take short term stays and some longer term stays and family and friend stays. We do not do longer term rentals as we have had many problems in the past with long term rentals in our previous homes and my wife and I did not want to go through all the problems we have had in the past ever again so this is why the short term stays work well for us so we can use it and others can use it when it is available and myself and my family are not using the space.

This is a formal letter of appeal denying and disagreeing with your rejection of our application for continuing to offer Air BNB Services and other rental opportunities in our home located at 704 Robleda Crescent. Victoria BC. (THIS SHORT-TERM RENTAL DOES NOT OCCUPY AN ENTIRE SELF CONTAINED DWELLING UNIT).

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We cooperated and allowed two city workers to enter my home and take photos and I showed them all of our shared areas and they took photos and it is very clean and obvious that THIS SHORT TERM RENTAL DOES NOT OCCUPY AN ENTIRE SELF CONTAINED DWELLING UNIT.

We do qualify and we expect to be issued the license and we plan to operate under the guidelines as we have been all along and we feel that this is harassment by the city of Victoria and expect to be treated as taxpayers and citizens of this city with all of our rights and privileges as homeowners and residents of Victoria.

I thank you in advance for the issuance of the new business license.

Thaddeus Monckton, Owner and Operator

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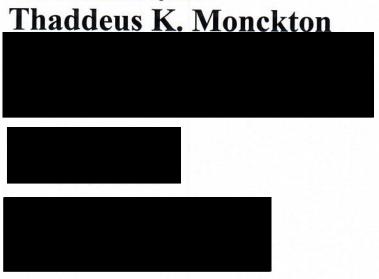
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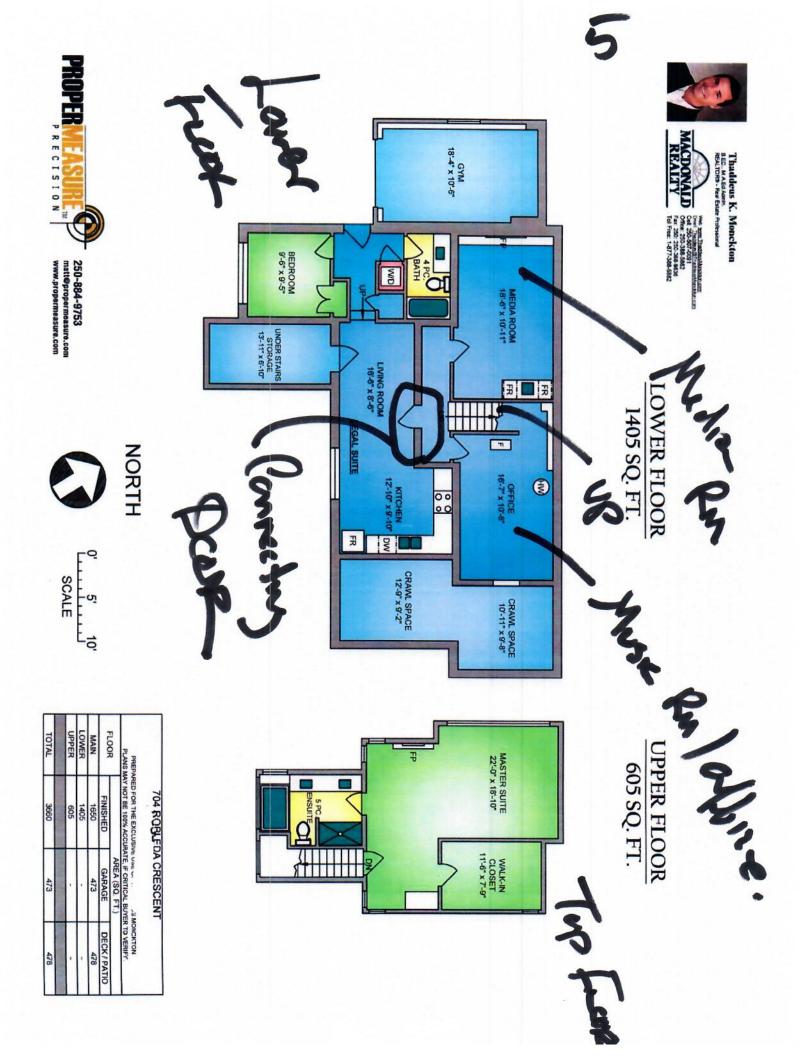
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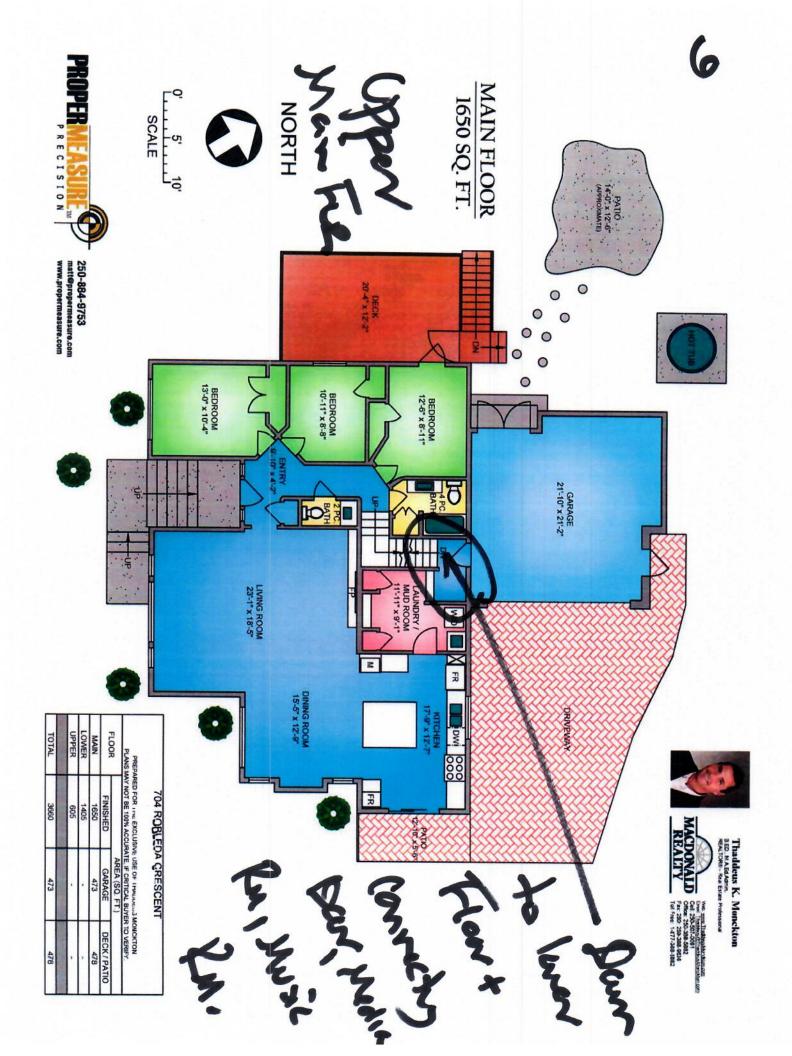
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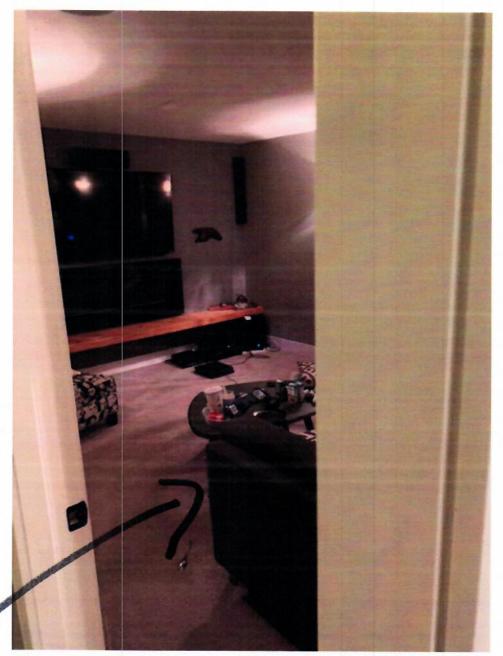
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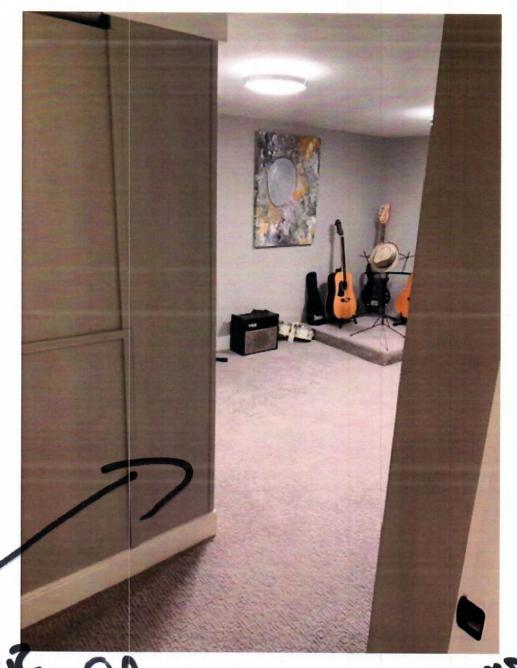
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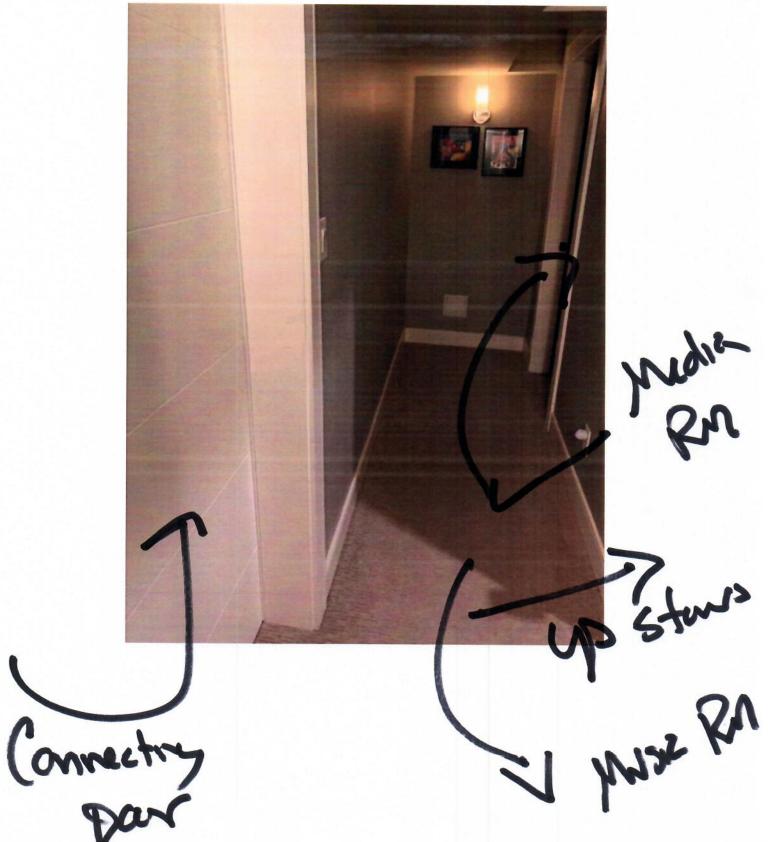
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OCCUPANCY COMPLETION PERMIT

The occupancy approved under this certificate refers to the construction authorized by the building permit(s) listed hereunder and such approval occupancy is applicable as of the date shown. The building or part thereof constructed under the authority of Building Permit(s) No.(s) BP052408 may now be occupied in accordance with the approved occupancy herein described:

Building Address

704 ROBLEDA CRES

Legal Description

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Approved Occupancy

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WITH SECONDARY SUITE

Permit Description

ADDITION TO REAR AND SIDE YARD. ADDITION TO FRONT FACADE. CHANGE OF USE FROM SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING TO SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WITH SECONDARY SUITE

Dated this day:

JUNE 14, 2016

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

This permit is issued pursuant to the authority contained in the City of Victoria Building Bylaw. In addition, the issuing of this Permit shall not relieve the owner or occupier from the responsibility of complying with the Zoning and Development Bylaw or any other pertinent Bylaw, Acts or Regulations. This Permit is not a representation or warranty that the Bylaws of the City of Victoria or other enactments have been complied with, since resource at the City only permit random review and inspections. The City of Victoria will accept no responsibility or legal liability should any person suffer loss, Injury or damage as a result of the building not complying with Bylaws. Accordingly, persons should make such independent investigations or inquiries as they see fit to determine whether the building complies with all relevant Bylaws or enactments.



Short Term Rental Business License Appeal 704 Robleda Crescent Thaddeus Monckton – Operator File # 129631 – May 29th, 2020

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