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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE CHAPTER 115 PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building
Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Mike called the hearing/meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Carrie Arens, Mike Michaud, Steve Westman, Pat Sandstrom, Goran Pesic, Drew Adams *clerk*. Also present were Susan Bieniek, Josh Sterry, Toni Sterry, Peter Sieve, Larry Stahl, Katherine Krieser, Amy Sapola, and Larry Dokkestul.
3. **Chapter 115 Draft Public Hearing-** The following topics were addressed:
 - Since the ordinance states that short term rentals are considered business, there was concern over the rentals having to potentially comply with the same types of regulations as more commercial businesses.
 - There was in inconsistency in
 - As marketplace providers such as AirBNB and VRBO already have WI Department of Revenue Sales Tax Numbers, and the state doesn't require short term rental operators to have one, it was recommended that the rental operators not be required to get a DOR Sales Tax Number. However, anyone that does not go through a marketplace would have to have one to proper.
 - There were recommendations to include language pertaining to the operation of operating rentals under marketplace providers.
 - There was objection to the idea of having hosts keep a register of every guest that stays in the property. It would be very difficult to enforce that on everyone that stays at the property, and the marketplace providers keep detailed records and histories of all registered guests.
 - Concern over the amount of amount of money required for filing and renewal fees, especially when compared to what the state charges and what other municipalities charge.
 - Since the state of Wisconsin does not inspect the rentals on a yearly basis, it is not always possible to provide the current draft's required proof of a state inspection and payment within one year of issuance or renewal of a Village license.
 - Would all the signage need to be approved by Planning Commission? Even something small that may not be visible from the street?
 - Why should someone's license be revoked if they decide not to rent for 12 months?
4. **Committee Review of Public Comments Regarding Latest Version of Draft Short Term Rental License Ordinance. Discussion/Action Regarding Ordinance Language and Next Steps-** **Motion** by Steve to hold another meeting to carry on since there were so many comments, **second** by Pat. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Set Next Meeting Date** - Next meeting date set for Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 4:00PM.

6. **Adjourn- Motion** by Mike to adjourn, **second** by Goran. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Drew Adams, Clerk