

A MAJOR WIN FOR HOTELS IN THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Today, the City of Toronto passed bylaws to regulate short term accommodation rentals, allowing rentals only in one's principal residence. Toronto's hotel industry is pleased as this will eliminate the commercialization of the Airbnb's business (and other platforms) in Toronto since it competes directly with the hotels. "The City of Toronto regulatory framework to restrict short term rentals to residences is a great victory for our hospitality industry and it sets an important precedent for other municipalities in Ontario." said Tony Elenis, President & CEO of the Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association (ORHMA).

ORHMA and the Greater Toronto Hotel Association (GTHA) worked diligently with the City of Toronto on a regulatory framework for short term rentals and related platforms. We contributed and participated in various stakeholder meetings and public hearings. Together, our efforts were successful. "These laws are critical because it sets a precedent for other municipalities in Ontario". said Elenis.

The City of Toronto noted that enforcement is critical and it is their intention to ensure those renting out their residences for short term accommodation are held accountable. "ORHMA will continue to work with our membership to advocate for similar laws across the Province. These regulations are most important to curb commercial activity for short-term rentals." said Elenis.

The City Of Toronto's New Short-Term Rental Rules:

- Creation of a new zoning category for short-term rentals.
- Restrict owners from renting out any other property other than their principal residence.
- Operators to provide a 24-hour contact information to anyone renting the property -with emergency information and follow safety rules.
- Cap the annual number of nights rented by units at 180.
- Registration for short term rental units.
- Platform owner responsible for removing short term rentals that do not comply with City's rules.
- Registration number to be listed on platform.
- Registration for platform by platform owner.
- One time application fee of \$5,000.00 by platform owner.
- Licensing fee of \$1.00 per night booked on their platform.
- Must keep records and comply with city direction.

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