

Legislative History of Short Term Rentals in Hood River

Archived Documentation of STR Code Development

Written Testimony:

[Download](#) written testimony submitted between April 25 and April 26, 2016.

[Download](#) written testimony submitted between April 22 and April 25, 2016.

[Download](#) written testimony submitted between April 21 and April 22, 2016.

[Download](#) written testimony submitted between April 11 and April 20, 2016.

[Download](#) written testimony recieved prior to the council's hearing on April 11, 2016.

Planning Director's Report:

[Download](#) the report to the city council that was reviewed during their first public hearing on April 11, 2016.

Council Meetings:

Review council agendas and packets for all upcoming meetings.

Planning Commission - Draft Zoning Regulations for Short-Term Rentals

The planning commission concluded deliberations on April 4, 2016 and forwarded recommendations to the city council for amendments to Title 17 (dated April 7, 2016).

Prior to making its recommendation to the city council, the planning commission received public testimony and deliberated on draft regulations to Title 17 of the Hood River Municipal Code.

[Download](#) the draft zoning ordinance regulations (March 31, 2016) that were reviewed by the planning commission at their hearing on April 4, 2016.

[Download](#) the packet for the February 29, 2016 planning commission hearing.

[Download](#) the first set of draft zoning ordinance regulations (January 28, 2016) that were based on a framework provided by the city council in the autumn of 2015.

The deadline for submittal of written testimony to the city planning commission on the proposed Title 17 (zoning) regulations was March 16, 2016. In addition to testimony received during their hearing on February 29, the commission considered the following written testimony (submitted before the March 16 deadline) at their hearing on March 21, 2016:

[Testimony Recieved 2/25/16](#)

[Testimony Recieved 2/29/16](#)

[Testimony Recieved 3/1/16](#)

[Testimony Recieved 3/4/16](#)

[Testimony Recieved 3/14/16](#)

[Testimony Recieved 3/17/16 1 of 2](#) AND [3/17/16 2 of 2](#)

City Council Meeting Calendar

November 14, 2016. The city council will review draft regulations for Title 5 of the Municipal Code, Short-Term Rental Operating License, as well as associated fees.

November 7, 2016. The city council continued their hearing to review draft regulations for Title 5 of the Municipal Code, Short-Term Rental Operating License, as well as associated fees.

September 26, 2016. The city council will review draft regulations for Title 5 of the Municipal Code, Short-Term Rental Operating License.

September 12, 2016. The city council read Ordinance No. 2026, detailing regulations for Title 17 (Zoning), for the second time.

August 22, 2016. The city council held a hearing on Ordinance No. 2026 detailing regulations for Title 17 (Zoning). Public testimony was taken. The council voted to approve Ordinance No. 2026, reading it for the first time.

July 25, 2016. The city council held a hearing on Title 17 (Zoning), continuing their deliberations from June 27, 2016. Public testimony was not taken.

June 27, 2016. City council held a hearing on Title 17 (Zoning), continuing their deliberations from June 13, 2016. Public testimony was not taken.

June 13, 2016. City council held a hearing on Title 17 (Zoning) regulations, continuing their deliberations from May 9 and 23, 2016. Public testimony was not taken.

June 7, 2016. City council work session on Title 5 (Licensing) regulations. Public testimony was not taken.

May 23, 2016. City council adopted a moratorium (Ordinance No. 2022) on establishment of new short-term rentals for up to six months while they deliberate on regulations. Public testimony was taken prior to adoption of the moratorium. Council also held a work session on Title 5 (Licensing) regulations. Public testimony was not taken during the work session on Title 5 (Licensing) regulations.

May 9, 2016. City council deliberated on updates to Hood River Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning). Public testimony was not taken. The hearing was continued to May 23, 2016.

April 25, 2016. Continuation of city council hearing on Title 17 (Zoning) changes (this did not include Title 5, Licensing). The council received public testimony but did not deliberate. The hearing was continued to May 9, 2016.

April 11, 2016. City council hearing on Title 17 (Zoning) changes. Public testimony was taken. The hearing was continued to April 25, 2016.

History of City Council Work Sessions and Hearings on Title 17 Zoning Regulations

Following the planning commission's hearings, the city council held a work session on April 6, 2016 to learn about draft STR regulations for both Title 5 (Licensing) and Title 17 (Zoning) of the Hood River Municipal Code. The council opened a public hearing on April 11, 2016, received public testimony on Title 17 (Zoning) regulations and continued the hearing to April 25, 2016. The council received additional public testimony on Title 17 (Zoning) regulations at the hearing on April 25th, then closed the hearing and announced that deliberations on Title 17 (Zoning) regulations would occur on May 9th with no additional public testimony. On May 9, 2016 the city council began deliberating on Title 17 (Zoning) regulations and, after failing to obtain enough votes to adopt an ordinance, directed staff to prepare a moratorium on establishment of new short-term rentals for up to six months while the council deliberates. On May 23, 2016 the city council adopted a moratorium (Ordinance No. 2022) on establishment of new short-term rentals in residential zones for up to six months while they deliberate on regulations, and they also had a brief work session on Title 5 (Licensing) regulations. On June 7, 2016 the council held another work session on Title 5 (Licensing) regulations without taking public testimony. On June 13, 2016 the council continued deliberating on Title 17 (Zoning) regulations without taking public testimony, and directed staff to bring back ideas to help break their stalemate. On June 27, 2016 the council continued deliberating on Title 17 (Zoning) regulations without taking public testimony, including review of a memo prepared by staff outlining an alternative approach to regulating STRs - the council considered and discussed the memo but took no action on it. On July 25, 2016 the council directed staff to prepare an ordinance detailing regulations for Title 17, amending the recommendation of the planning commission. On August 22, 2016 the city council held a hearing on Ordinance No. 2026 detailing regulations for Title 17 (Zoning). The council received public testimony and then voted to approve Ordinance No. 2026, reading it for the first time on August 22 and for the second time on September 12, 2016.