



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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April 10, 2015

Ms. Melinda M. Bolling
Interim Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 Fourth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Guidance Regarding Rentals Advertised and Leased Using Airbnb.com

Dear Ms. Bolling,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 9, 2015, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to write you to request guidance regarding DCRA's policies with respect to short-term rentals advertised and leased online by homeowners using websites such as Airbnb.com.

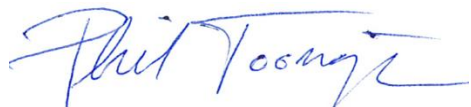
This issue has been the subject of recent discussion among residents of our ANC and was recently raised by residents who attended a meeting of our ANC's Economic Development and Zoning Committee. Specifically, the residents expressed concern about the dearth of publicly available information regarding DCRA's policies addressing the legality of such rentals and a desire that DCRA provide guidance to the community regarding them.

An online article from January of last year, which is available at http://dc.urbanturf.com/articles/blog/the_growing_airbnb_economy_and_what_it_might_mean_for_dc/8069, indicates that DCRA previously made available to the UrbanTurf website "the typical requirements Airbnb hosts need to fulfill to be in the city's good graces," including a chart containing information regarding the legality of various rental scenarios, portions of which were reprinted in the article. We ask that you please provide our ANC with the same guidance that was provided to UrbanTurf, including any subsequent updates to that guidance. Our goal is to make this information publicly available through our ANC website, so that the residents of the ANC have easy access to it and can understand what is permitted and prohibited in connection with these rentals.

Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com. We would appreciate a response regarding this issue at your earliest convenience.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com, ANC-6A and NewHillEast yahoogroups, on the Commission's website, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

On Behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Toomajian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A