

# BEREA CITY COUNCIL

*City of Berea, Ohio*

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- \_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: Councilwoman Mary K. Brown

## AN ORDINANCE

### **REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 1331, RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY PERMITS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA TO INCLUDE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR BOTH LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES.**

**WHEREAS**, there has been an increase in the number of both long-term and short-term rentals in the City of Berea; and

**WHEREAS**, short-term rentals, while often managed responsibly, can also draw transient guests who may not be as invested in a community's well-being and may negatively impact residents' enjoyment of their own properties due to noise, trash and other safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, short-term renters may not be aware of local Ordinances, leading to disturbances and involvement of local public safety forces; and

**WHEREAS**, without local supervision, there exists a greater risk of incidents requiring public safety and service assistance, as well as a lack of accountability for property damage, guest behavior and/or guests' well-being and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is difficult and time-consuming to manage and enforce existing regulations for both long-term and short-term rentals, especially if they are operating without the knowledge of City officials; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 1331 should be revised to specifically include short-term rentals to provide for the safety and well-being of residents, property owners and transient guests of the City of Berea; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to streamline the permit approval process for both long-term and short-term rentals, to provide a meaningful appeal process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 1331, Residential Rental Property Permits, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Berea, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, shall be expressly repealed and replaced by new Chapter 1331, Residential Rental Property Permits, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

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**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in form from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

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President of Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Mayor

Date

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Director of Law