

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-35

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 769 TOURIST HOMES AND MOTELS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, OHIO TO INCLUDE SECTION 769.04 SHORT TERM RENTAL PROHIBITION IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND AMENDING SECTION 769.99 PENALTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, City Council has made various recommendations relative to the inclusion of Section 769.04 Short Term Rental Prohibition in a Residential District to Chapter 769 Tourist Homes and Motels of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, City Council has recommended the amendment of Section 769.99 Penalty of Chapter 769 Tourist Homes and Motels of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined the recommended changes would be in the best interest of the residents of the City of Wickliffe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 769 Tourist Homes and Motels of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio, be hereby amended to include Section 769.04 Short Term Rental Prohibition in a Residential District and to amend Section 769.99 Penalty to read as follows:

769.04 SHORT TERM RENTAL PROHIBITION IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

(a) No person shall operate, let, rent, list, advertise, or otherwise make available any rental dwelling in a residential district in the municipality for the purpose of a Short Term Rental.

(b) Definitions

1. "Short Term Rental" shall be defined as the right to use, occupy, or possess the actual use, occupancy, or possession, of a rental dwelling through a rental for temporary, transient occupancy for dwelling, sleeping, lodging, or entertaining others for a period of less than thirty (30) contiguous days.

2. "Municipality" shall mean the City of Wickliffe, Ohio.

(c) Upon reasonable suspicion of a violation of this section and a demand by a Police Officer or Building Inspector of the Municipality, the occupant and/or person in charge of a residential dwelling shall be required to immediately produce a copy of the rental agreement or lease for any rental dwelling in a residential zoning district in the municipality.

769.99 PENALTY

~~Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).~~ **Violations of this section shall be a misdemeanor of the first degree.**

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of said city; wherefore, this ordinance provided it receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: September 22nd, 2025

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for approval on N/A, 2025

First Reading June 23rd, 2025
Second Reading September 8th, 2025
Third Reading September 22nd, 2025

N/A
Council President – Presiding Officer
Approved: N/A, 2025

N/A
Mayor
Passed September 22, 2025
Yes 6 No 7

I, Sandra J. Fink, Clerk of Council of Wickliffe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2025-35 enacted by Council at its regular meeting on September 22, 2025. 5th failed