

**The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
April 17, 2023**

Motion

Establishing a Provincial Short Term Rental System

Moved by: Regional Councillor Lee
Seconded by: Councillor Henry

WHEREAS Ontario is facing a housing crisis and more can be done to ensure that new and existing housing units serve their intended use, which is to provide stable affordable housing options to the people of this province;

AND WHEREAS short term rental (STR) properties are sometimes prone to nuisances impacting others' enjoyment of their properties, notably in Ajax, noise, waste, excessive parking needs, and violence;

AND WHEREAS in rural tourist destinations , locals have found themselves prices out of the housing market because landlords find it more profitable to list as an STR;

AND WHEREAS other provincial governments are stepping into the monitoring and enforcement of short term rentals, including Quebec, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland which require STRs to register, or attain a business licence or permit in order to list with popular short term rental companies like Airbnb, and Vrbo;

AND WHEREAS STR hosts are also required to register for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on what they earn;

AND WHEREAS requiring licencing for Ontario's STR market is a logical next step;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council requests that the Province of Ontario establish a short term rental licencing and enforcement system; and
2. This motion be circulated to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AJAX MPP Patrice Barnes, lower-tier municipalities in Durham Region, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Big City Mayors.