

ORDINANCE NO. 4527

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SCOTTSDALE, AMENDING ARTICLE I, SECTION 18-2
AND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 18-150 OF CHAPTER 18 OF
THE SCOTTSDALE REVISED CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 18, Article I, Section 18-2 of the Scottsdale Revised Code is amended and renumbered to conform by adding a new definition as follows:

"Transient" means within the definition of vacation rental or short-term rental any person who either at the person's own expense or at the expense of another obtains lodging space or the use of lodging space on a daily or weekly basis, or on any other basis for less than thirty consecutive days.

Section 2. The City Council finds it is necessary to protect the public health and safety within the City of Scottsdale by requiring designated emergency points of contact respond within one (1) hour upon notification of an emergency by the City to the physical location of a vacation rental or short-term rental as there have been over one thousand eight hundred fifteen (1815) police calls involving vacation rentals and short-term rentals for the period through October 27, 2021.

Section 3. Chapter 18 Article IX, Section 18-150 of the Scottsdale Revised Code is amended as follows:

ARTICLE IX. – VACATION RENTALS.

Sec. 18-150. - Contact information required; emergency response; information updates; penalties.

(a) The owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental shall provide the city with contact information for the owner or the owner's designee who is responsible for responding to complaints in a timely manner in person, over the phone or by e-mail at any time of day before offering for rent or renting the vacation rental or short-term rental within the city.

(b) In addition to the information required above, the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental shall provide to the city the name and contact information of a person designated as an emergency contact.

(c) Any person designated as an emergency contact pursuant to subsection (b) of this section upon the request of the city in the event of an emergency shall respond in-person within one (1) hour to the physical location of the vacation rental or short-term rental for which they are a designated emergency contact.

~~(e)~~(d) The owner shall notify the city, in writing, of all changes in the contact information required by this section, not less than ten (10) days prior to the effective date of the change.

(d)(e) The city manager or designee shall develop the necessary forms and/or database necessary to implement this section.

(f) For the purpose of this section "in the event of an emergency" means any time police, fire or other public safety personnel respond to a vacation rental or short-term rental for a call for service including responding to a nuisance party or unlawful gathering.

(g) Violations of subsections (a) and (b) of this section are civil offenses subject to a mandatory minimum fine of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars except that the court may reduce the fine to two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars if the defendant by the time of sentencing has complied with requirements of subsections (a) and (b). A violation of subsection (d) of this section is a civil offense subject to a mandatory minimum fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars except that the court may reduce the fine to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars if the defendant by the time of sentencing has complied with requirements of subsection (d).

(h) It shall be a civil offense for any person designated as an emergency contact upon request by the city pursuant to subsection (c) of this section to either fail to respond to the physical location of the vacation rental or short-term rental for which they are a designated emergency contact or fail to arrive within one (1) hour to the physical location of the vacation rental or short-term rental for which they are a designated emergency contact. Failure to respond shall be punished by a minimum fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and failure to arrive within one (1) hour shall be punished by a minimum fine of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

(i) It shall be a civil offense for the owner of a vacation rental or short-term rental to intentionally, knowingly or recklessly have the owner's emergency contact fail to comply with the requirements of subsection (c). A violation of this subsection shall be punished a minimum fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Evidence such as failure of an owner to keep contact information current may be considered when taking into account whether the owner acted intentionally, knowingly or recklessly.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale this 0th day of December 2021.

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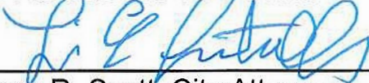


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