



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 22, 2016 Agenda Item 1

Voting Session

Second Reading Ordinance Extending the Owner Occupied Group House Registration Program

Recommended Council Action

Approve the second reading of the proposed amendment.

Context with Key Issues

On July 22, 2013, *Takoma Park Code*, Chapter 6, Housing was amended by Ordinance #2013-25 which established a new registration requirement for owner occupied group houses. The amendment included a “sunset clause,” with the registration requirement scheduled to expire on June 30, 2016.

The Council approved on June 1, the first reading of a proposed ordinance eliminating the sunset clause and allowing for the continuation of the registration program.

Additional amendments to the City Code may be warranted and will be presented for consideration following completion of the FY17 Affordable Housing Strategic Plan.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Ensure we have a range of safe, quality, and stable housing options for residents of varying incomes.

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Attachments and Links

Ordinance Amending *Takoma Park Code*, Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses and Owner-Occupied Group House Registrations

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

First Reading: June 8, 2016

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE 2016-23
AMENDING *TAKOMA PARK CODE*, CHAPTER 6.08, RENTAL HOUSING LICENSES
AND OWNER-OCCUPIED GROUP HOUSE REGISTRATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City's owner-occupied group house registration requirement was scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the registration requirement proved to be effective in promoting the health and safety of residents of owner-occupied group houses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses and Owner-Occupied Group House Registrations, of the *Takoma Park Code* shall be amended as follows:

6.08.120 Owner-occupied group house—Application and registration.

A. Owner-occupied group houses must be registered with the City ~~on or before June 30, 2014,~~
~~or~~ within 30 calendar days of operating the facility as a group house.

B. Application for a new certificate of registration or the renewal of an existing registration shall be made by the owner occupant on a form provided by the City containing such information as necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

C. Upon receipt of an application for registration and a \$50.00 registration fee, the City shall inspect the property to verify that no serious life safety code violations exist prior to the issuance of a certificate of registration. Examples of serious life safety violations include, but are not limited to, lack of egress from sleeping rooms, inoperative smoke detectors, and the lack of essential utilities such as heat, water and operable sanitary facilities. The owner occupant will be given a reasonable opportunity to make required corrections. All identified life safety code violations must be corrected by the established reinspection date set by the Code Official.

D. A certificate of registration will be issued to the owner occupant upon verification that identified life safety code violations have been corrected.

E. The certificate of registration shall remain valid for a term of three calendar years, expiring on December 31st of the third calendar year.

~~F. All provisions contained in this section shall expire on June 30, 2016, and shall be of no effect thereafter~~

SECTION 2. This Ordinance will be effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2016, BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: