



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

230-RICR-30-20-4, Short-Term Rental Property Registration

Summary of Regulatory Hearing

On October 11, 2024, the DBR posted with the Secretary of State and sent notice to interested parties that it was proposing amendments to 230-RICR-30-20-4, Rhode Island Short Term Rental regulations, and that a virtual hearing would be held on that proposal on October 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. At the hearing, fifteen (15) members of the public were present, none of whom provided oral comments. No one provided written comments at the hearing.

The Administrative and Legal Support Services Administrator Pamela Toro served as hearing officer. Other staff from the DBR in attendance were: Don Defedele, Associate Director, Matthew Santacroce, Deputy Director, Russell Griffiths, Principal Economic and Policy Analyst, Kirsten Stubbs, Licensing Aide, Meredith Cotta, Confidential Secretary, and Kallie Longval, Legal Counsel.

Pamela Toro gave an introduction explaining that statutory changes go into effect on January 30, 2025, and the proposed regulatory changes adopt those statutory requirements. Pamela Toro explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments on the proposed changes and reminded attendees that written comments will be accepted until November 10, 2024.

Interested parties were instructed to use the “raise your hand” feature of Teams in order to indicate their intent to make a public comment on the record. Each participant who raised his/her hand virtually was called to speak, unmuted by the host, and given the opportunity to make a statement.

Several attendees asked questions about topics unrelated to the proposed regulations, including Department of Health lead certification requirements, local ordinances pertaining to their properties, and how and when to renew their short-term rental registration on the DBR electronic registration system. They were directed to the DBR’s website with FAQs for rental registrations and provided an email address and phone number to reach out to Associate Director DeFede separately so the DBR can assist them with those out-of-scope questions. No attendees provided oral or written comment about the proposed regulations during the hearing.

The meeting concluded at 10:23 a.m. and attendees were again reminded they could submit written comment to dbr.reinquiry@dbr.ri.gov.