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RESOLUTION NO. 221069

Sponsors: Mayor Quinton Lucas and Councilmember Eric Bunch

Directing the City Manager to begin transition of the short-term rental regulatory program from the City Planning and Development Department to the Neighborhoods Department, including taking steps to address any needed staffing, funding and legislative changes to effectuate the transition and evaluating the prospect of a limited moratorium on new short-term rental applications and registrations; and directing the City Manager to complete the transition to the Neighborhoods Department as soon as 60 days and no later than 90 days.

WHEREAS Chapter 88 of the City Code, Sections 88-321-01 through 88-321-04, sets forth use regulations for short-term rental units and is administered and enforced through the City's Planning and Development Department; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of short-term rentals in the City demands additional capacity to enforce regulations, as well as a deeper look at how short-term rental regulations might be improved, as reinforced by the recent City Audit on the topic; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhoods Department's Community Engagement Specialists are actively building collaborative relationships with neighborhood leaders and are, through their current enforcement of nuisance and property maintenance violations under the City's Code, well suited to help identify and address violations of City's short-term rental unit regulations, including encouraging compliance, maintaining annual inspections, and mitigating complaints; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of ensuring adequate enforcement capacity concerning short-term rental units, and believes that this can more readily be accomplished by transitioning such regulatory duties to the Neighborhoods Department; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is directed to begin transition of all registration, enforcement and other regulatory duties concerning short-term rental units from the City Planning and Development Department to the Neighborhoods Department, including hiring any additional staff, making any other necessary personnel changes, securing any necessary funding, evaluating the prospect of a limited moratorium on new short-term rental applications and registrations and proposing any appropriate, corresponding amendments to the City's Code in order to effectuate this transition.

Section 2. That the City Manager is directed to complete the above tasks and any other tasks necessary to transition regulatory duties for short-term rental units to the Neighborhoods Department as soon as 60 days and no later than 90 days.

