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PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON VACATION HOME RENTALS

A special workshop to study the subject of Vacation Home Rentals will be conducted by the Twentynine Palms Planning Commission on Thursday, April 30. The workshop is open to the public and will be held at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road.

Under consideration is the possible addition of a chapter to the City's Development Code for "Vacation Home Rentals," involving short-term rental, less than 30 days, of a residential dwelling.

Already popular in the unincorporated areas of Twentynine Palms, this alternative form of visitor lodging has been the subject of much discussion at two recent Planning Commission meetings, regarding how to regulate potential vacation rentals within the city limits, especially in established neighborhoods. At its March 17 meeting, Planning Commission Chair Bill Easter requested that the item be addressed in a community workshop.

At issue will be whether or not to allow Vacation Home Rentals as a permitted use within the city, in which zoning districts they would be allowed, and which standards should be established to review and regulate the short-term rentals. Items such as minimum parcel size, notification of adjacent property owners, parking requirements, lighting standards, animal and noise control, and proximity to paved or dirt roadways will be discussed.

If deemed to be an accepted land use within the city, a Development Code amendment will be developed and submitted to the City Council for approval. In previous Planning Commission meetings, Vacation Home Rentals have been proposed to be subject to Building and Safety Code requirements, Conditional Use Permit review, City Business License and participation in the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for lodging businesses in the city.

Residents are encouraged to attend the workshop and provide their input on April 30 at City Hall. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (760)367-6799.

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