AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE TO AMEND NEWLY CREATED CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE XV, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2.2 OF THE KNOXVILLE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION FOR A SHORT TERM RENTAL OPERATING PERMIT.

ORDINANCE NO: O-284-2017
REQUESTED BY: Vice Mayor Grieve
PREPARED BY: Council
APPROVED ON 1ST READING: 
APPROVED ON 2ND READING: 
APPROVED AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE: 12-5-2017
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WHEREAS, newly created Chapter 16, Article XV, Division 2, Section 2.2 does not require applicants for Type 1 short term rental operating permits to notify their adjacent neighbors or an existing neighborhood organization; and

WHEREAS, City Council is of the opinion that adjacent neighbors and a neighborhood organization (if existing) should be notified of such application; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville desires to amend newly created Chapter 16, Article XV, Division 2, Section 2.2 to require notification of Type 1 short term rental operating permit applications; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety that this Ordinance take effect immediately upon its passage.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: Chapter 16, Article XV, Division 2, Section 2.2 of the Code of
City Ordinances is hereby amended to add the following as a new subsection 2.2.h:

h. Required Notification for Type 1 Operating Permits. Within 48 hours of submitting the
application for a Type 1 Operating Permit to the Business License & Tax Office, the
Owner shall send a Neighborhood Notice form, supplied by the Business License & Tax Office, by first-class mail or
hand delivery to all property owners whose property is
adjacent to the property at which the Short Term Rental Unit
is proposed as well as any existing neighborhood organization
in that community. The Owner shall supply the Business
License & Tax Office the names and addresses of the
adjoining property owners and the neighborhood organization
the Owner sent notice. For the purposes of this section,
adjacent properties are those that abut the proposed Short
Term Rental Unit, those directly across the street or alley
from the proposed Short Term Rental Unit, and those that are
diagonal across the street or alley from the proposed Short
Term Rental Unit.

SECTION 2: If any section or sections of this Ordinance are held invalid, such
invalidity shall not affect other provisions or sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: An emergency is declared to exist in that it is necessary for the
immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety that this
Ordinance take effect immediately upon its passage.