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NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: October 7, 2024
FROM: Sarah Masson, Town Clerk
DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

SUBJECT:

A MOTION TO READ, PASS AND ADOPT as a second reading an ordinance in amendment to Chapter 14, Article XIV of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island entitled, "Rooming Houses or Boardinghouses".

SUGGESTED ACTION:

In a review of the Town's Municipal Code of Ordinances regarding licensing, the Clerk's office identified a discrepancy in the Municipal Code. The Short Term Rentals (STR) ordinance, specifically, Section 14-543(c) exempts bed and breakfasts from the STR requirements and the Roominghouse/Boardinghouse ordinance also does not require licensing for these establishments.

Bed and breakfasts are currently defined in our zoning ordinance as 'A single-family dwelling offering transient lodging accommodations to the general public within a portion of said dwelling, and which may include limited food preparation and the serving of such food within a common area. Such use shall accommodate no more than four transient guests at any one time'. The first reading of the addition of the words 'owner-occupied' was introduced and passed at the regular meeting held on September 16, 2024.

Roominghouses are defined in Chapter 14, Article XIV as 'any building which is used, in whole or in part, as a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished for hire or other consideration, with or without board, for not more than 20 guests or employees of the management...but shall not include private dwellings which accommodate not more than four habitational guests or employees...!.

An amendment to the Municipal Code to include the licensing of bed and breakfasts is currently being suggested. As a part of that process the license fee was also reviewed. The current fee of \$25.00 was adopted in 1972 and has remained the same since. It is being suggested that the fee increase to \$120.00 to be in line with the fee for rental registrations. The first reading of this ordinance was held at the regular meeting on September 16, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Ordinance - Bed and Breakfast License Requirements 2nd reading.docx](#)