Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	April 14, 2026	**Staff Contact:**	Scott McDonald, Director of Development Services
Item Number:	2026-773-AR	**Phone:**	(817) 598 4284

SUBJECT: Hold a PUBLIC HEARING and consider adoption of Ordinance O2026-09 regarding a request to amend Section 5-15-3 "Short Term Rental Permit Application" and Section 5-15-4 "Regulations" of Title V "Business Regulations" MCA-26-0001.

CASE NUMBER MCA-26-0001

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant:	
Request Action:	
Project Description:	
Site Address/Location:	
Land Area:	
General Plan:	
Existing Zoning:	
Surrounding Zoning:	
North:	
South:	
East:	
West:	

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Staff has encountered ongoing issues with insurance companies not being able to meet certain city requirements on short-term rental policies, including mandating that the City of Weatherford be specifically listed as an additional insured and requiring advance notice provisions. In response, staff proposes amending Section 5-15-3, “Short-Term Rental Application,” of Chapter 15, “Short-Term Rental,” to revise the insurance requirements. The proposed amendment removes the requirement that the City of Weatherford be explicitly named as an additional insured and eliminates the notice provision, while still requiring that the City be listed on the policy.

Additionally, there has been public confusion regarding whether current regulations prohibit long-term rentals

(defined as stays exceeding 29 days). To address this, staff proposes amending Section 5-15-4, “Regulations,” of Chapter 15 to clarify that the ordinance does not prohibit properties from operating as long-term rentals. However, property owners and/or operators must continue to file a zero-dollar hotel occupancy tax report in accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in Chapter 6 of this Code. Furthermore, owners and operators remain responsible for coordinating with the State Comptroller to ensure compliance with any applicable state hotel occupancy tax requirements.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The City Council may approve the amendment as proposed.
2. The City Council may approve the amendment with changes.
3. The City Council may disapprove the amendment as proposed.

SUGGESTED ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment.

ATTACHMENTS

- Presentation
- O2026-09