

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

**TO:** Planning Commission members  
**FROM:** Darlene L. Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning  
**RE:** Proposed Zoning Amendment- Short Term Lodging

Attached is a draft of a zoning text amendment to include Short Term Lodging as a new use category in the Zoning Ordinance. Bethlehem currently has an ordinance managed through the Housing Bureau to address inspections of the short term lodging homes. The attached amendment will create an opportunity to define where short term lodging is permitted in the City and create parameters for the use.

The ordinance is drafted to accomplish several things. First, it creates a definition for short term lodging and amends the definition of hotel so that the two definitions are compatible.

The amendment also specifies where short term lodging is proposed to be permitted. The zoning districts are treated similarly to the way the Ordinance addresses Bed & Breakfast facilities.


The amendment also includes parameters for the use, such as parking, owner-occupancy, limits of use and code requirements.

We propose to place this zoning amendment on your December 12, 2019 Planning Commission agenda for review and consideration. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to City Council for any Zoning text or map amendments.

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**CC:** Mayor Donchez  
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**DATE:** 12-5-19

  
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