AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses and Registration – Fees for the Registration or Renewal of Short-term Residential Rentals

FOR the purpose of reducing the fee for the registration or renewal of a short-term residential rental; providing for the termination of this Ordinance; making this Ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to licenses and registrations.

WHEREAS, § 11-13A-102(d) of the Anne Arundel County Code requires the payment of a $400.00 fee to register or renew a short-term residential rental; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland in an effort to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order Number 16 dated March 13, 2020, the Anne Arundel County Executive also proclaimed a civil emergency in Anne Arundel County as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, by Bill No. 24-20 the County Council extended the proclamation of the civil emergency in Anne Arundel County until the proclamation of emergencies for the State of Maryland is renewed, extended, or terminated; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued threats to health from COVID-19, the Governor’s proclamation of a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the State of Maryland and the civil emergency proclaimed in Anne Arundel County remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, the health and civil emergencies declared as a result of COVID-19, while necessary, have created monetary and other difficulties for all County residents; now, therefore
SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,
That the fee for the registration or renewal of a short-term residential rental shall be $100.00
for each two-year term.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That the County shall refund $300.00 to those
hosts, as defined in § 11-13A-101(3), who paid $400.00 on and after April 9, 2020 to
register a short-term residential rental.

SECTION 3. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this Ordinance shall
remain in effect until the date upon which all State and County proclamations of an
emergency are terminated, repealed, or otherwise revoked, after which it shall stand
repealed and, with no further action required by the County Council, be of no further force
and effect.

SECTION 4. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an
emergency ordinance and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
health, safety, welfare, and property, and being passed by the affirmative vote of five
members of the County Council, the same shall take effect from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 19th day of January, 2021

By Order:

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 20th day of January, 2021

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 28th day of January, 2021

Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 2021
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO. 109-20. THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer