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Rhode Island

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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To: Paul A. Croce, Chairman  
Planning Board members

From: Ron Wolanski, Town Planner

Date: January 24, 2023

Re: Town Council request for short-term rentals research

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During a recent meeting the Town Council voted to request that the Planning Board assist with research on the impact of short-term rental (STR) properties on Middletown's housing stock for year-round residents, and compile examples of regulatory approaches from other communities. Specifically, the motion approved by the Town Council is as follows: *"To direct the Planning Board to research other communities affected by short-term rentals, identify actions taken by them to proactively manage short-term rental growth in their community and also to research any impact short-term rentals may have on the availability of housing in Middletown for full time residents."*

Planning staff has begun work to compile the requested information using data on Middletown's registered short-term rentals with the assistance of the Building Inspection Department, which is responsible for STR registrations. With available data we will attempt to estimate the number of STR dwelling units that are not being used as a primary residence for full-time residents. We are also in the process of compiling examples of STR regulations from other Rhode Island towns and elsewhere. Full text and summaries of the regulations will be provided.

We expect to have a draft report available for review prior to the March 8<sup>th</sup> regular Planning Board meeting. Please contact me with any questions.

Cc: Town Solicitor