



**To:** Mayor and Ames City Council

**From:** Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

**Date:** November 9, 2017

**Subject:** Limiting Occupancy in Rentals

As you will recall, your most recent discussion at the October 24 Council meeting regarding limiting occupancy in rental units was a bit confusing. In talking to a few of you, it appears there might be a difference of opinion as to what was actually approved in the formal motions. While there were many comments that took place during the discussion of the motions, the actions that were actually approved by the Council are reflected on the second page of the memo.

Lacking any further direction from the City Council, staff will move ahead to develop the necessary code changes to reflect the policy directions given in the following motions. It is currently planned that the Council will be asked to approve the first reading of the ordinance changes on November 28, 2017, with second and third readings in December.

**Because of the importance of this issue, staff wants to make sure that the motions approved on October 24 represent your recollection of your vote. Should there be agreement that changes to your direction is needed at this time, it is important that we understand them before a final ordinance is drafted for your consideration.**

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*Moved by Orazem, seconded by Corrieri, to direct staff to tie number of bedrooms to the number of adult occupants plus one.*

*Motion to Vote: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously*

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*Moved by Orazem, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, number of off street parking space is equal to the number of bedrooms.*

*Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion Carried unanimously.*

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*Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Orazem, to establish a cap at 5 adults in a low density residency.*

*Vote on Motion 4-2. Aye Vote: Beatty-Hansen, Gartin, Orazem, and Nelson. Nay vote: Betcher and Corrieri. Motion carried.*

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*Moved by Betcher, seconded Gartin, parking spaces will be in the garage, driveway, or existing legal parking spaces as of January 2018.*

*Vote on Motion 4-2. Aye Vote: Betcher, Gartin, Orazem, and Nelson. Nay vote: Beatty-Hansen and Corrieri. Motion carried.*

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*Moved Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Gartin, for staff to bring back to Council over the period of the moratorium options for limiting the addition of bedrooms.*

*Vote on Motion 5-1. Aye Vote: Beatty-Hansen, Betcher, Gartin, Orazem, and Nelson. Nay vote: Corrieri. Motion carried.*

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*Moved by Betcher, seconded by Gartin, for staff to report on options for penalties for code violations, the situation of airbnb in relation to rentals, rental concentration, and unregistered rental properties, and how we know about them.*

*Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.*

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