



Agenda Item: Discuss and Review an Update on the HOT Task Force between the City and the Park Board and Third-Party Audit Update

Background: A HOT task force (comprised of City and Park Board staff) was created to study the recent trends and increased popularity of short-term rental properties, and to research how other local governments are approaching compliance with the HOT. This includes voluntary collection agreements with online property rental platforms. Short-term rental properties have increased their market share in Galveston over recent years, with the most significant growth occurring during the pandemic. The trend continues into FY2021.

The task force has prepared a presentation that they will give to City Council on January 28, 2021.

Third-Party Audit Update:

A third-party auditor was contracted to help identify non-compliant short-term rentals. So far, 105 properties have been identified as potential short-term rentals not registered to report and pay HOT.