



**Resolution of Support**  
**Galveston Island Short Term Vacation Rental Framework**  
**(For Consideration by the Board of Trustees)**

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Park Board of Trustees to support the City of Galveston in maintaining and promoting a vibrant Gulf Coast community that is a great place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, short-term vacation rentals have historically constituted an important portion of the Island's accommodation sector, are increasing continually in popularity with visitors over the past decade and have served as a catalyst for the purchase and updating of local housing stock,

WHEREAS, it is the nature of short term vacation rentals to operate in both traditional urban neighborhoods as well as Island beach and resort second home developments,

WHEREAS, the nature of the shared user economy today does not require booking platforms or property owners to be on-site or on-Island so a proactive means of engagement and education are required to ensure compliance with local ordinances and requirements related to the management, registration and taxes levied on short term vacation rentals,

WHEREAS, accountability of property managers and owners of short term rentals is essential in ensuring good will between residents and visitors, and especially in those cases where offenses of poor management practices are repeatedly reported and necessitate consequences, and

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston was a pioneer in the State of Texas in creating ordinances for the registration of short term rentals on the Island which has allowed community and enterprise to increase harmoniously over the past several years, and

WHEREAS, educational and outreach efforts backed by enforcement and accountability are important pillars in creating an efficient organizational framework for increased compliance and maintaining professional management standards,

WHEREAS, by City of Galveston ordinance 15-012 the Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston are tasked with the registration of short term rentals and the collection and distribution of hotel occupancy taxes, and

WHEREAS, City Council, City and Park Board staff and community and business representatives have had ample public discussion regarding the opportunities, challenges and concerns regarding Voluntary Collection Agreements (VCA),

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE GALVESTON PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supports the City of Galveston in the need to create local ordinances requiring the collection and payment of locally levied HOT by online short term rental platforms, or the signing of a VCA with existing online short term rental platforms, and



THE GALVESTON PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES FURTHER RESOLVED

Separate and apart from increased tax compliance, that the implementation of municipal controls in the form of ordinances and compliance efforts by the City of Galveston to enforce 'quality of life' regulations are needed to maintain harmony between residents and short term rentals and to ensure the on-going viability of this portion of the Island's accommodation sector, and

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The establishment of an annual registration fee as opposed to the existing one time registration fee is a source of funding for the implementation of necessary tracking software and support of enforcement officers to track local business compliance against local City code, and

THE GALVESTON PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES FURTHER RESOLVED

The Park Board will be an implementing arm for registrations and collections and as such tasks the Finance and Operations Committee to develop an implementation plan to support City of Galveston's efforts to require the payment of local hotel occupancy taxes by short term rental platforms, institute annual registration fees and ensure compliance of local city code for short term rentals operating in Island neighborhoods.

Signed,