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The Wimberley City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission want to know how local residents feel about recent growth in the local short-term rental market. A public meeting to gather input from residents on issues relating to short-term rental facilities will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 6 p.m. at the Wimberley City Hall.

“The City Council and Planning Commission are interested in how residents feel about short-term rental facilities, such as vacation rentals and bed and breakfasts, operating in their neighborhoods,” said Mayor Mac McCullough. “Residents should take advantage of this opportunity to let City leaders know how they feel about short-term rental activity in their neighborhood and options for regulation and enforcement measures to address any concerns they may have.”

The upcoming public meeting is one in a series of public meetings the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission will hold in the month of October to address concerns relating to short-term rental facilities. Other meetings will gather input specifically from the owners of short-term rental properties and short-term rental reservation agents.

A ninety (90) day moratorium on the issuance of City permits for short-term rental facilities was adopted in late September to allow time for City leaders to address issues with the regulation of short-term rentals.

“There is a growing concern among some residents that short-term rental facilities, in particular, vacation rental facilities, are having a negative impact on the character of local neighborhoods and creating nuisances, including noise and available parking,” said Mayor McCullough. “It is important to identify any concerns that may exist among neighborhood residents and to look at modifying the City’s short-term rental regulations to address those concerns.”

Short-term rental facilities are allowed in residential areas within the city limits provided a Conditional Use Permit or grandfather status has been secured from the City. The City does not regulate the operation of short-term rental facilities located within the City's E-T-J.

The City collects hotel occupancy taxes from short-term rental facilities located both inside the city and its E-T-J.