A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS RELATED TO ARTICLES 3, 4, AND 6 AND APPENDIX A FOR MAY 19, 2021 (2021-03-24/R-3)

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2019, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to develop updated standards for Short Term Rentals (STRs) for Council consideration with input from community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2019, the Town Council appointed a Task Force consisting of STR advocates and operators, hoteliers, neighborhood residents, and advisory board champions. Town Council charged the Task Force to develop a set of final recommendations for STR regulations for whole house, non-owner occupied rentals, including safety checks and registration; and

WHEREAS, the STR Task Force met on October 16, November 6, and December 11, 2019 as well as January 15, and February 5, 2020 to discuss themes related to STRs and identify impacts of possible STR regulations on various stakeholder groups as presented by staff. Topics of these discussions included current state laws regulating STRs, statistics related to Chapel Hill housing, municipal STR regulations, and common ordinance provisions; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2020, the STR Task Force made a set of final recommendations on ordinance provisions to be shared with the Town Council that addressed geographic and quantitative permitting requirements, occupancy caps, safety inspections, designation of a responsible party, and existing STRs; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Town Council accepted the findings of the Short-Term Rental Task Force and dissolved the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, on March 6 and October 2, 2020, staff provided an update to the Council Committee on Economic Sustainability that included feedback from the STR Task Force, as well as the proposed timing associated with a text amendment process; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2020, Town Council held a work session to discuss short-term rentals and provided direction to staff for ordinance provisions; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, staff provided an update to the Council Committee on Economic Sustainability on the development of a short-term rental ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council calls a public hearing to consider text amendments to the Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) designed to introduce Short Term Rental regulations related to Articles 3, 4, and 6 of Appendix A on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the location provided on the Town's web calendar.

This the 24th day of March, 2021.