

Office of the Mayor

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Date:

March 20, 2024

To:

Anchorage Assembly

From:

Mayor Dave Bronson

Subject:

Veto of Ordinance No. 2023-110

Today, in accordance with Section 2.30.100 of the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) and Section 5.02 of the Municipal Charter, I am issuing a veto for AO 2023-110, an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly amending Anchorage Municipal Code Title 10 to add a new chapter for the licensing and regulation of short-term rental operations in the municipality and amending AMC section 14.60.030, the Municipal Fine Schedule, to add corresponding fines. This ordinance was approved during the Assembly's regular meeting of March 19, 2024.

The Anchorage Assembly should not be meddling in an individual property owner's ability to make a living for themselves and their families. Private property owners deserve to continue to be able to provide valuable housing offerings within the municipality on AirBnB, VRBO, and other outlets. Regulating, licensing, notification requirements, taxation and fining of private property owners will further minimize options in the Anchorage housing market.

Homeowners have worked hard to sustain their investments over the course of many years and should be provided any opportunity to earn further income because of their hard work and home ownership.

For the above reasons, I hereby veto AO No. 2023-110.