

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP SYNOPSIS
Thursday, July 16, 2026
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Murphy
- 2. Roll Call:** DeVries, Mahr, Winge and Hunt

Mayor Murphy called to order the Council workshop for July 16, 2026 at 7:20 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, Mahr, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director.

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss Single Family Home Rental Licensing – Councilmember Mahr

Councilmember Mahr explained that this community has more rentals than single family homes with owner occupied residents. She is recommending placing a moratorium on future single family homes being licensed as rentals. She added that corporations are buying these affordable homes and renting them out.

Petracek added that these corporate venture capitalists that buy these homes are difficult to deal with when it involves the rental licensing process, property maintenance, etc. He continued by saying that these rental property owners are absentee owners; Lexington has several properties owned by these corporations. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser stated that the City can't restrict homeowners from selling to these corporations, but the City can put restrictive barriers in place to make it difficult for these companies to rent these properties. He cited the City of Wabasha's rental property ordinance as a good example of restrictive regulations that have been tested in court and have prevailed. Discussion ensued.

Discussion about existing single family rental properties and if they would be grandfathered in with new regulations. Attorney Glaser stated that all single-family homes that are licensed and rented would need to comply with any new regulations that are incorporated into the rental housing ordinance. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the City Council was to send this to the Planning and Zoning Commission to study and make a recommendation to the City Council.

4. Staff Input

No staff input.

5. Council Input

No Council input

6. Adjourn

Councilmember Mahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.