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Pursuant to warrant duly served and posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Orange qualified to vote in elections and town affairs at the Annual Town Meeting held at the Ruth B. Smith Auditorium on June 17, 2024 and continued on June 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. passed the following article:

ARTICLE 18: SHORT TERM RENTAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Motion passed, 109 in favor, 13 opposed, 6 abstained, to amend the Town of Orange Zoning Bylaw to add a new section 7900 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 7900, Performance Standards for Short-Term Rentals; and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw to be permitted in order that it may be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange.

7900 Performance Standards for Short-Term Rentals

The Town of Orange supports the safe and legal operation of Short-Term Rental dwellings to support the local economy and offer a variety of overnight lodging options for visitors to the Town. This Performance Standard section will offer the assurance that all Short-Term Rental properties will be acceptable uses within the Town of Orange so long as the Performance Standards are met for any given property and that the property owner has applied for and received a Registration of the property as a short-term rental and applied for and received a Business Certificate.

7910 Performance Standards

1. The property owner must apply to register the property on a form provided by the Town of Orange and receive a registration and shall apply and receive a Business Certificate from the Town of Orange
2. The property shall be in compliance with all relevant state and local statutes, rules, and regulations pertaining to health and safety.
3. The property owner shall provide, with the Registration Application, a copy of the Registration Certificate with the MA Department of Revenue for each dwelling unit they are registering.
4. A registration fee of \$100 shall be paid at the time of registration and \$75 at each renewal.
5. Lack of compliance with these Performance Standards or any complaint arising from the use of the property will be referred to the appropriate town

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department for investigation. If the property owner is found to be in violation of the Performance Standards, the Short-Term Rental Registration may be revoked after hearing with 7 days advance notice and may not be renewed until the property is in compliance with Section 7900.

ATTEST:

Nancy M. Blackmer, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk