

City of



Annapolis

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Memorandum to: Eleanor "Elly" M. Tierney
Aldерwoman Ward One
City of Annapolis

Re: Advisory Opinion, Recusal Release

You have provided information which you believe provides reason for the Ethics Commission to release you from previously issued opinions requiring your recusal from City Council deliberations concerning Short Term Rental legislation. Those opinions were issued on January 18, 2018, November 6, 2019, and November 18, 2019.

The Commission has reviewed your current situation concerning the Annapolis property you own and live in. You have advised the Commission that your Bed and Breakfast business has been closed since the State of COVID 19 Emergency and that it will remain closed. You also provided that you and your husband are actively selling the house as a residential property. The Commission verified that your For Sale listing is a residential listing, which only makes reference to the previous use of the house as a Bed and Breakfast. In addition, the Commission confirmed that you no longer have a B&B Rental License for the property.

Based on the above information, it is the opinion of the Ethics Commission that you no longer have a direct financial interest in a transient lodging property and you are no longer required to recuse yourself from matters before the City Council which have a direct effect on short term transient rental properties.

Please note that City Code 2.08.030.C.2 requires the Ethics Commission to file advisory opinions with the City Attorney's Office. Section 2.08.030.C.2 also provides that advisory opinions may be made public at the discretion of the Ethics Commission. We have determined that this opinion will be publically posted to the City's web site because of its usefulness to the public and other members of the City Council.


James E. Dolezal
Chairman

cc: Michael Lyles, City Attorney
Mayor and Members of City Council