

**Borough of Edinboro**  
**Public Hearing Minutes**  
**Ordinance 621**  
**August 9, 2021**

**ROLL CALL:** Council members present were Jim Kiley, Pat Davis, Fred Langill, Alyssa Dobson, Mark Eisert (via phone), Aaron Gast, and Mary Ann Horne.

Other official present was Solicitor Tim Wachter. Citizens present were Lindsay Lewis, Curtis Hals, Brad Pattullo, M.L. Smith, Thad & Marcy Kiesnowski, Sheryl Lovell, Stephanie Berger, Janet Woods, Ryan Campa, Casey Ponsoll, John Ponsoll, Renee Thayer-Allison, Bea & Ed Kuchta, Dave & Dee Snyder, Allison Seppala, Laurie & Tim McKernan, Hannah Lovell, Pat Hargest, Karen Russen, R.M. Hanson, Jim Butts, Karen Willey, Mary Schenck, MJ Campbell, Nancy Crawford, Amy Adamski, Sarah Schoolcraft, and Rose Baker.

**OPENING:**

Mayor Gast called the hearing regarding ordinance 621 to order at 6:00 PM.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Gast and Alyssa Dobson briefly explained the purpose of the ordinance. Ordinance 621 would have the following impact: amending the existing portions of the Code relating to Regulated Rental Units (in Chapters 5 and 27) by removing the “Student Rental” designation, thereby allowing a tenant to rent any rental unit regardless of their student status; providing for an updated definition of bedrooms; and creating a requirement that landlords notify tenants of the availability of parking at their rental unit.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS:**

Renee Thayer-Allison asked about requirements for AirBnB rentals and if tenant lists are required for them. Alyssa Dobson stated that they require the same permit as any rental in town, but tenant lists are not required for them. Ms. Thayer-Allison stated that they should be viewed as a different kind of rental, and Mayor Gast replied that an ordinance for short-term rentals has been discussed but was not the intent of Ordinance 621. She also asked if there are plans to limit the number of rental properties in the Borough, and Ms. Dobson replied that there are not currently plans to do so.

Merrill Smith asked about the change to the definition of a bedroom and if small bedrooms on Lakeside will be grandfathered in. Ms. Dobson replied that the change will match the current definition in the International Property Maintenance Code, and there will not be any grandfathering for bedrooms.

Bea Kuchta asked if you can have a rental if you have never had one before. Ms. Dobson said that you can with the proper permitting. Ms. Kuchta also expressed a concern about the ability of the parking notification requirement to be enforced.

Bob Hanson thanked Council for updating the rental regulations.

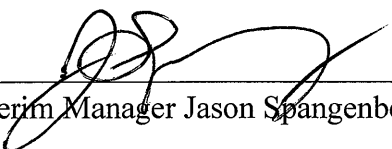
Casey Ponsoll stated that the previous rules limited rentals to 3 tenants and asked if that is being changed, and he asked if single family homes can be turned into rentals. Mayor Gast replied that the new bedroom definition of no more than 2 non-related adults in a bedroom does change the rules, depending on the size of the rooms, and single-family homes could be turned into rentals.

Thad Kiesnowski asked about rental inspection requirements. Jackie Rhen stated that all rentals will still have to pass inspections.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Gast moved for adjournment, and the hearing was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Interim Manager Jason Spangenberg

  
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Mayor Aaron Gast