

Some Questions for Public Comment Meeting

On the topic of Transient Lodging in Town Limits

Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov 20, 2018

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Town Hall

Background:

The Transient Lodging Task Force (“Task Force”) will evaluate, review and make recommendations to the Town Council (“Council”) on a position with respect to policies on short-term transient lodging (“Transient Lodging”) within the corporate limits of Shepherdstown.

Currently Transient Lodging such as AirBnBs are allowed in the Town’s Commercial district. These types of rentals are not allowed in the Residential-zoned area within Shepherdstown’s corporate limits.

Public Comment:

Issues that the public may want to address include:

- Should Transient Lodging be allowed within Town Limits?
- If so, should they be allowed within the whole Town, or only in certain areas, such as the commercial district?
- What, if any, conditions should be placed on owners who want to operate these businesses?
- Some of the conditions that have been proposed by the Task Force are:
 - Allowing guests only when the owner or a manager is present on the premises
 - Limiting the number of days/nights in a year that the business may operate
 - Limiting the number of rooms in a house that may be rented
 - Town inspection for health, sanitation, anything else?
- What type of parking rules should apply to this type of rental?
- Should Transient Lodging properties be required to meet the same standards as a hotel or B&B?