



## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING FLORIDA SENATE BILL 522 AND HOUSE BILL 219, WHICH WOULD PREEMPT REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS TO THE STATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, Florida Senator Manny Diaz, Jr., and Representatives Jason Fischer and Anthony Sabatini are leading the effort to preempt regulation of short-term rentals to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Diaz's Senate Bill 522 and Representatives Fischer and Sabatini's House Bill 219 would, except for ordinances adopt prior to June 1, 2011, preempt all local government regulation of short-term rentals to the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, a "one size fits all" approach by state regulation of short-term rentals in Florida ignores the fact that communities throughout our state are unique and have different needs with regard to this issue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Neptune Beach is composed mostly of year-round residents who live, work, eat, and play in our City; and

**WHEREAS**, laws preempting the City's control over preserving the quality of life for those residents by regulating short-term rentals would dramatically impair many of the characteristics that make Neptune Beach a great place to live and work; and

**WHEREAS**, decisions regarding matters directly impacting the quality of life of Florida's localities should be left to Florida's localities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Neptune Beach seeks to preserve and protect home rule authority for Neptune Beach and local governments.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida:

**SECTION 1.** That the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach opposes Senate Bill 522 and House Bill 219, preempting local regulation of short-term rentals.


**SECTION 2.** That the City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Governor, the City of Jacksonville, the Florida League of Cities,

and the Duval County delegation of the Florida Legislature, for distribution.

**SECTION 3.** That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

This Resolution adopted by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida, at the Special Council Meeting held this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Catherine Ponson, CMC  
City Clerk

