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### **City of Wheat Ridge Bans Short Term Rentals Effective April 1, 2020**

*Short Term Rentals of Less Than 14 Days are now banned within the City of Wheat Ridge*

**WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. March 31, 2020** -- In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020, a ban has been issued for all short term rentals fewer than 14 days within the City of Wheat Ridge from April 1-30, 2020.

The Emergency Declaration for the City of Wheat Ridge allows the City Manager the power to shut down short term rentals for this period. City Council voted Monday, March 30 in favor of providing the City Manager with this direction. "By extending the time frame for short term rentals past 14 days, anyone exhibiting symptoms could quarantine themselves within the guidelines established by the CDC. Once that 14 day period is expired, residents would be deemed safe to move about the community for essential personal business like grocery or medication pick up as outlined in the Governor's Stay at Home Order," stated Patrick Goff Wheat Ridge city manager.

"The health and safety of our community remains our highest priority, and this new ban on short term rentals will address a concern shared by residents with City staff and City Council members," continued Goff. "We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and adjust our plans as new information becomes available. It's also vital that we all do our part to limit the spread of the Coronavirus in our city by minimizing our social interaction, staying 6' apart, and gathering in groups no larger than four. Please remember to self-isolate if you believe you have been in contact with someone exhibiting symptoms. Stay well."

Updates from the Mayor, City Manager, the Chief of Police, and the City Emergency Manager are being shared on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor, and a special page has been created on the City website [www.bit.ly/WRCOVID-19](http://www.bit.ly/WRCOVID-19). Community members may also subscribe to regular [Emergency Preparedness Alerts](#) to stay informed with updates from the City.

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