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Sent: 4/3/2017 12:57:21 PM
To: Ben Farmer <BFarmer@ashevillenc.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Re: Open records request – short-term rental change-of-use filings for CBD

Thanks for the follow-up Ben. I think there might be some miscommunication here. In the documents y'all released late last year on short-term rental enforcement, the requirement for change-of-use forms for properties in the CBD shifting to short-term rentals are mentioned in at least two cases: 25 Rankin Ave (requirement for change-of-use mentioned in email from Shannon Morgan on June 29, 2015) and 35 Patton Ave (need for change of use mentioned in citation paperwork on Sept. 16, 2016). Since this is a city requirement, there should be forms filed by property owners for change of use there and elsewhere within the CBD (since short-term rentals are legal there and exist in multiple other spots).

Please update me on when these forms will be available asap.

Best,

David

On Wed, Mar 22, 2017 at 3:47 PM, Ben Farmer <BFarmer@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

David,

For some reason I was under the impression that another staff member reached out to you regarding PR822. I know that no records indicating short-term rental change-of-use filings for the CBD were found after a great deal of research.

As for PR819, I will check again for this information. Looks like I didn't send it to the correct person in the first place – thanks for being patient.

Ben

From: Asheville Blade [mailto:ashevilleblade@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Ben Farmer <BFarmer@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: Re: Open records request — short-term rental change-of-use filings for CBD

Hello Ben, hope you're well. I'm following up on the status of PR822, concerning short-term rental change of use filings for the CBD and PR819, records for the STR violation cases mentioned at the 12/13 Council meetings.

Best,

David

On Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 11:34 AM, Asheville Blade <ashevilleblade@gmail.com> wrote:

Excellent, thanks.

Best,

David

On Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 11:32 AM, Ben Farmer <BFarmer@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

David,

This request has been received. I'm sure you have everything straight on your end but just so you're aware: The request below is PR822, the request about the STR/homestay violations presented at the 12/13 Council meeting is PR819, and the request about the Walton Street Pool engagement is PR818. All have been sent to the appropriate people.

I'll keep you updated as things come in.

Ben

From: Asheville Blade [mailto:ashevilleblade@gmail.com]

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Subject: Open records request — short-term rental change-of-use filings for CBD

Good morning. Hope the new year is treating y'all well. This is an open records request for change-of-use to short-term rentals/homestays in the CBD from 1/1/14 to 1/1/17.

Thanks,

David Forbes

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