**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING**

on

**Implementation of Law 22-307, the Short-Term Rental Regulation Act of 2018**

on

**Thursday, November 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

**Room 412, John A. Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

**Washington, DC 20004**

 Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public oversight hearing before the Committee of the Whole on implementation of the “Short-Term Rental Regulation Act of 2018” (Law 22-307). The hearing will be held on **Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412** of the John A. Wilson Building.

 Law 22-307, effective as of October 2019, requires the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to license, monitor, and investigate short-term rentals in the District. Under the law, short-term rental hosts must apply for a short-term rental or vacation rental license endorsement and adhere to prescribed safety and record keeping standards. Platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO must submit monthly reports to DCRA for enforcement purpose, collect and remit all required transient occupancy taxes, and maintain all records for two years in addition other requirements. With the unanimous approval of an emergency text amendment to the zoning regulations by the Zoning Commission on October 24, 2019, DCRA is now able to efficiently and effectively implement Law 22-307 to ensure that hosts and platforms are compliant. This will be the focus of the Committee’s public oversight hearing.

 Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or to call Blaine Stum, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-8092. Provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by the close of business **Tuesday, November 19, 2019**. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on November 19th the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a larger number of witnesses. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on http://lims.dccouncil.us. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed at http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation, 24 hours in advance of the hearing at.

 If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019.