

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

The City Council of the City of Beacon has determined it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to regulate short-term rentals. Short-term rentals are defined as an entire dwelling unit, or a room or group of rooms or other living or sleeping space, made available to rent, lease or otherwise assigned for a tenancy of less than 30 consecutive days. The term "short-term rental" does not include multifamily dwelling buildings, dormitories, hotel or motel rooms, bed and breakfast inns or lodging houses, as permitted and regulated by the City of Beacon Zoning Ordinance. The City Council recognizes the benefits of short-term rentals to allow home-owners to supplement their income to defray the cost of housing and to provide lodging for visitors to the City. However, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents, it is necessary to restrict the rental of homes for terms shorter than 30 consecutive days, a practice which is growing in popularity with the advent of internet and social media-based programs that connect property owners and persons seeking short-term rentals. In addition, studies have shown that short-term rentals are linked to increases in rent and housing costs because rental units are taken off the market and used as short-term rentals. Units are going to short-term renters rather than to permanent residents which results in a decrease in available housing stock within the City of Beacon. The City Council believes that the restrictions and requirements imposed herein further those objectives and the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents.

Under the proposed local law, it shall be unlawful to use, establish, maintain, operate, occupy, rent or lease any property as a short-term rental without first having obtained a short-term rental permit. Short-term rentals must be owner-occupied whereby the property is the principal residence of the owner, tenant, grantor or grantee at all times during the term of the permit. Only one-family, two-family or accessory apartment units may be used as short-term rentals. Short-term rental permits are permitted in all zoning districts within the City of Beacon.

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: Type 1 Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information including memorandums and comments from the City's Planning Consultant and City staff, local laws from other municipalities, reports and case law updates.

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the City Council _____ as lead agency that:

- A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.
- B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

- C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: Local Law Regulating Short-Term Rentals

Name of Lead Agency: City Council of the City of Beacon

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Lee Kyriacou

Title of Responsible Officer: Mayor

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer) _____ Date: _____

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For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:
 Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)
 Other involved agencies (if any)
 Applicant (if any)
 Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>