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**Short-term rentals approved for ALL residential zones**

**Byline:**  
 Knoxville, Tenn. (KnoxFocus.com) — The City of Knoxville has approved a new ordinance that allows short-term rentals in all residential zones. The ordinance, which was passed by the City Council on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, will allow residents to rent out their homes for short periods of time, typically less than 30 days, for a fee. The ordinance also sets out rules for how these rentals should be operated, including requirements for safety and insurance.

**City Council:**  
 The City Council approved the ordinance by a 7-2 vote. Council members who supported the ordinance include Mayor Ron Kirk, Council Members Steve Cooper, Tommie Williams, and Jeff White. Council Members Steve Cooper and Tommie Williams were the only members who opposed the ordinance.

**Impact:**  
 The ordinance is expected to have a significant impact on the city's tourism industry. It will allow residents to earn extra income from their homes, which can be used to help pay for their own expenses. It will also provide a new source of revenue for the city, which can be used to fund various city services.

**Next Steps:**  
 The ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2018. Residents who are interested in short-term rentals should contact the City of Knoxville's Planning and Zoning Department for more information.

**Contact:**  
 For more information, contact the City of Knoxville's Planning and Zoning Department at (423) 590-2200.

**OFFICIALS OPEN FOREST HEIGHTS POCKET PLAN**



Officials gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Forest Heights Pocket Plan.

**Knoxville 1st Tennessee city certified as wildlife habitat**

**Wildlife Habitat:**  
 Knoxville, Tenn. (KnoxFocus.com) — Knoxville has been certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. This is the first time a city in Tennessee has received this certification. The certification recognizes Knoxville's commitment to protecting and enhancing its natural resources, including its forests, parks, and waterways.

**City Council:**  
 The City Council approved the certification on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017. Council members who supported the certification include Mayor Ron Kirk, Council Members Steve Cooper, Tommie Williams, and Jeff White.

**Impact:**  
 The certification is a significant achievement for the city, as it recognizes Knoxville's commitment to protecting and enhancing its natural resources. It also provides a model for other cities in Tennessee to follow.

**Next Steps:**  
 The city will continue to work on protecting and enhancing its natural resources, and will continue to work with the National Wildlife Federation to maintain its certification.

**Contact:**  
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**City begins streetlight retrofitting in East Knoxville**

**Streetlight Retrofitting:**  
 Knoxville, Tenn. (KnoxFocus.com) — The City of Knoxville has begun retrofitting streetlights in East Knoxville. The retrofitting process involves replacing old, inefficient streetlights with new, energy-efficient LED streetlights. This will help reduce the city's energy consumption and save money on utility bills.

**City Council:**  
 The City Council approved the retrofitting project on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017. Council members who supported the project include Mayor Ron Kirk, Council Members Steve Cooper, Tommie Williams, and Jeff White.

**Impact:**  
 The retrofitting project is expected to have a significant impact on the city's energy consumption. It will help reduce the city's carbon footprint and save money on utility bills.

**Next Steps:**  
 The city will continue to retrofit streetlights in other parts of the city, and will continue to work on reducing its energy consumption.

**Contact:**  
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