

# **STATEMENT OF APPEALS COMMITTEE HEARING**

#### History

On January 8, 2024, Devon Elaine DeVogelaere (the "**Appellant**") as Owner/Applicant of 108 Adelaide Street, Harrow, Ontario (the "**Property**") was ordered by Order Reference Number 08-Jan-2024-001, to cease advertising a Short-Term Rental Unit without a licence.

On April 11, 2024, the Appellant as Owner/Applicant of the Property, was issued an Administrative Monetary Penalty by Formal Notice (the "**Formal Notice**"), Reference Number 11-April-2024-005, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

On April 19, 2024, by Appeal Request Form (the "**Appeal Request Form**"), the Appellant as Owner/Applicant of the Property, in accordance with s. 7.2 of By-Law 2025, submitted a Request for Appeal to the Formal Notice.

# **Grounds for Appeal**

By Appeal Request Form, dated April 19, 2024, the Appellant as Applicant/Owner of the Property, Request for Appeal to the Formal Notice on the following ground(s):

"ON APRIL 11, 2024 AN INFRACTION NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE DOOR OF MY PROPERTY AT 108 ADELAIDE NOR1G0. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN RENTED LONG TERM SINCE THE END OF 2023 AND THE TENANTS RESIDING THERE DID NOT MAKE ME AWARE OF THIS POSTED NOTICE UNTIL APRIL 16, 2024. I IMMEDIATELY CALLED TO LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE TOWN OF ESSES BY-LAW DIVISION AND WAS ABLE TO SPEAK WITH RENE TAMMINGA END OF DAY APRIL 17, 2024. HE DIRECTED ME TO COME TO THE OFFICE LOCATED AT 2610 COUNTY ROAD 12 TO COLLECT OTHER NOTICES THAT HAD BEEN SENT TO ME VIA REGISTERED MAIL IN JANUARY 2024, FEBRUARY 2024 AND MARCH 2024, ALL OF WHICH HAD BEEN RETURNED TO SENDER AND NEVER RECEIVED BY ME. ONCE IN POSSESSION OF THESE PAPERS I FILED THE APPROPRIATE APPEALS WITHIN THE STATED TIMELINES.

Where you belong



THE ORIGINAL NOTICE WAS SENT ON JANUARY 8, 2024 AND RECEIVED BY ME ON APRIL 18, 2024 GAVE ME A 16 DAY PERIOD TO TAKE THE REQUIRED ACTION (CEASE OPERATING AND ADVERTISING THIS PROPERTY AS A SHORT TERM RENTAL UNIT IMMEDIATELY). AFTER FINALLY RECEIVING THE NOTICE I COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIRED ACTION WITHIN 24 HOURS. I DO NOT BELIEVE THE FINES THAT RESULTED IN FEBRUARY 2024, MARCH 2024 AND APRIL 2024 ARE JUST AS IT WAS CONFIRMED BY RENE TAMMINGA THAT I HAD NOT RECEIVED AND WAS NOT AWARE OF THE ORIGINAL OR FOLLOWING NOTICES UNTIL COLLECTING THEM ON APRIL 18, 2024 AND I HAVE SINCE COMPLIED."

# **Convening of Appeals Committee**

According to s. 7.4 of By-Law 2025:

Where a request for an appeal is received in accordance with subsection 7.2 of this By-Law, a hearing of the Appeals Committee shall be convened, and the Applicant or Licensee shall be provided with reasonable written notice thereof.

### **Reasonable Notice**

By this Statement, Devon DeVogelaere, Owner/Applicant of 108 Adelaide Street, Harrow, Ontario, take notice that the Appeals Committee Hearing with regard to the Appeal Request Form will take place 33 Talbot Street South, Essex, Ontario, on **July 16, 2024** at **5:00 PM**.

#### **Relevant Sections of By-Law 2025**

s.1.23	s. 2.1	s. 3.1
s. 7.0	s. 8.0	s. 9.0



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**Reference Number** 

11-April-2024-005

#### FORMAL NOTICE

Short-Term Rental Unit Licensing By-Law 2025 Issuance of Administrative Monetary Penalty

Name of Person Served with Penalty Notice: Devogelaere, Devon Elaine

Municipal Address or Legal Description of Property: 108 Adelaide St, Harrow On NOR 1G0 PLAN 1228 LOT 27 PTLOT 28 Roll Number: 3754 650 000 06800 0000

TAKE NOTICE THAT the above noted person is liable to pay to the Town of Essex the following administrative penalty(s) for the following reason(s) prescribed in Schedule "E" to By-Law Number 2025 of The Corporation of the Town of Essex:

Undraktive	Offence Section	Administrative Penalty
Advertising a Short Term Rental Unit without a licence	Section	
ilcence	2.2 d)	\$1,500.00

The above noted administrative penalty will, unless cancelled or reduced pursuant to the appeal process, constitute a debit of the person to the Town, and if not paid by May 13, 2024, on which date the administrative penalty shall become due and payable, it may be collected in the same manner as municipal taxes for the above noted property.

**Appeal** – In accordance with Sections 7.2 and 7.3 of By-Law Number 2025, a person upon whom this penalty notice has been served may make a request to the Appeals Committee within seven (7) days after service of the penalty notice is given, using the attached form, setting out the reasons for the appeal. In the event that a request for an appeal is not received, the decision of the Town of Essex shall be deemed to be confirmed.

**Distribution of Order** – Section 10.1 of By-Law No. 2025 permits an order to be served in an approved manner determined by the Officer, including by posting the order on the property.

Questions regarding this order should be directed to the Town of Essex By-Law Enforcement Division at 519-776-7336 ext. 1412.

\_\_\_\_\_April 11, 2024\_ Date Notice Served

Signature of By-Law Enforcement Officer

Personal information contained on this order, collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, will be used for enforcement purposes relating to Town of Essex By-Law Number 2025. Questions should be directed to the Clerk of the Town of Essex.

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# APPEAL REQUEST FORM

# **Town of Essex Appeals Committee**

Property Standards Appeals must be submitted using the Property Standards By-Law Notice to Appeal Form which can be obtained by contacting By-Law Enforcement at <u>bylaw@essex.ca</u> or 519-776-7336 ext. 1409.

The undersigned hereby requested the Appeals Committee of The Corporation of the Town of Essex to consider this application is respect to the following, as amended:

Appeals Fee to appeal (Must accompany request) 
Animal Care and Control By-

Law No. 1966 🗆 No Fee

- □ Kennel Licensing By-Law No. 2221 □ \$300.00
- □ Short-Term Rental Unit By-Law No. 2025 □ \$150.00
- □ Taxicab Licensing By-Law No. 1052 □ \$150.00
- □ Fortification By-Law No. 2210 □ \$300.00
- □ Tree Management By-Law No. 2205 □ \$300.00
- □ Administrative Monetary Penalty □ No Fee
- □ Order provided on April 11 2024 (received April 18 2024) in regard to section 2.2d By Law

2025

The undersigned certifies that the information contained herein, on which this

request is based, to be true and the owner is aware of this appeal request.

#### Applicant Information

Applicant/Agent: Devon DeVogelaere

Address: 108 Adelaide Street Harrow ON N0R1G0

Telephone Number:

#### **Property Owner Information**

Owner(s): same as above

Address: same as above

Telephone Number: same as above

#### Subject Property Address: 108 Adelaide Street Harrow ON N0R1G0



Section 2.2 d) of By Law 2025

### Provision(s) of By-Law for Requested Appeal:

#### Reason(s) for Appeal:

On April 11, 2024 an infraction notice was posted on the door of my property at 108 Adelaide N0R1G0. This property has been rented long term since the end of 2023 and the tenants residing there did not make me aware of this posted notice until April 16, 2024. I immediately called to leave messages at the Town of Essex By-Law Division and was able to speak with Rene Tamminga end of day April 17, 2024. He directed me to come to the office located at 2610 Country Road 12 to collect other notices that had been sent to me via registered mail in January 2024, February 2024 and March 2024, all of which had been returned to sender and never received by me. Once in possession of these papers I filed the appropriate appeals within the stated timelines

The original notice sent on January 8, 2024 and received by me on April 18, 2024 gave me a 16 day period to take the required action (cease operating and advertising this property as a short term rental unit immediately). After finally receiving the notice I complied with the required action within 24 hours. I do not believe the fines that resulted in February 2024, March 2024 and April 2024 are just as it was confirmed by Rene Tamminga that I had not received and was not aware of the original or following notices until collecting them on April 18, 2024 and I have since complied

For the purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, I authorize and consent to the use by or the disclosure to any person or public body any information contained in respect to this request for the purposes of processing this request.

Signature of Applicant/Agent Date

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signed digitally April 19, 2024

NOTE: Please attach further information, if required.

#### Completed Appeal Request Form will only be accepted as follows:

<u>By Mail or In-Person to</u>: Town of Essex Legal and Legislative Services 33 Talbot Street South, Essex, ON N8M 1A8



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX** 

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> Reference Number 08-Jan-2024-001

#### **ORDER TO REMEDY**

# Violation of Short-Term Rental Unit Licensing By-Law 2025 Operating/Advertising Without Licence

Municipal Address or Legal Description of Property: 108 Adelaide St. Harrow, Ontario. NOR 1G0 PLAN 1228 LOT 27 PT LOT 28 Roll Number: 3754 650 000 06800 0000 Name of Owner/Occupant (attach separate list if required) Devon Elaine Devogelaere

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Sections 2.1 a) and 2.2 d) of By-Law Number 2025 of The Corporation of the Town of Essex prohibits all individuals, corporations, partnerships, or associations from <u>operating or</u> <u>advertising</u> a premises as a Short-Term Rental Unit within the boundaries of the Town of Essex without a valid Short-Term Rental Unit Licence issued by the Town of Essex.

#### This property has been identified as a Short-Term Rental Unit and is in contravention of By-Law Number 2025 of The Corporation of the Town of Essex.

### **REQUIRED ACTION**

# CEASE OPERATING AND ADVERTISING THIS PROPERTY AS A SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT IMMEDIATELY.

There must be compliance with the required action(s) of this order, before January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Failure to do so will result in enforcement action taken against this property, including the issuance of administrative monetary penalties of \$1,500.00 per violation.

**Distribution of Order** – Section 10.1 of By-Law No. 2025 permits an order to be served in an approved manner determined by the Officer.

For more information on the application process for a Town of Essex Short-Term Rental Licence, please visit <u>www.essex.ca/STRs</u> or contact the Planning Department at 519-776-7336 ext. 1414. \**All licencing fees may be further amended and designated in the Town's Fees and Charges By-Law from time to time*.

Questions regarding this Order to Remedy should be directed to the Town of Essex By-Law Enforcement Department at 519-776-7336 ext. <u>1409</u>.

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Signature of By-Law Enforcement Officer

Personal information contained on this order, collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, will be used for enforcement purposes relating to Town of Essex By-Law Number 2025. Questions should be directed to the Clerk of the Town of Essex.