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File Number	PLIUP-2411-0020		Contact		Natalie Lavenstein, nlavenstein@duluthmn.gov		
Туре	Interim Use Permit – Vacation Dwelling Unit		Planning Commission Da		n Date	January 14, 2025	
Deadline Application Date		ion Date	November 19, 2024 60 D		60 Days	January 18, 2025	
for Action	Date Extension Letter Mailed		December 4, 2024		120 Days	March 19, 2025	
Location of Subject 107 E Superior St,		107 E Superior St, Unit A					
Applicant	DCC Holdings LLC		Contact	Eric Fau	Eric Faust		
Agent	NA		Contact	NA	IA		
Legal Description		010-0910-00180					
Site Visit Date		January 2, 2025	Sign Notice Date			December 30, 2024	
Neighbor Letter Date		December 20, 2024	Number of Letters Sent		ent	45	

Proposal

The applicant proposes use of a 1-bedroom apartment in a Form District as a vacation rental property.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that Planning Commission approve the interim use permit.

	Current Zoning	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	F-7	Downtown Shopping	Central Business Primary
North	F-8	Downtown Mix	Central Business Primary
South	F-7	Downtown Shopping	Central Business Primary
East	F-7	Downtown Shopping	Central Business Primary
West	F-7	Downtown Shopping	Central Business Primary

Summary of Code Requirements:

UDC Section 50-19.8. Permitted Use Table. A vacation dwelling unit is an Interim Use in the F-7 zone district.

UDC Section 50-20.3. Use-Specific Standards. Lists all standards specific to vacation dwelling units.

UDC Sec. 50-37.10.E . . . the commission shall only approve an interim use permit, or approve it with conditions, if it determines that: 1. A time limit is needed to protect the public health, safety and welfare from potential longer term impacts of the requested use in that location; 2. The applicant agrees to sign a development agreement with the city.

Comprehensive Plan Governing Principle and/or Policies and Current History (if applicable):

Governing Principle #4 – Support economic growth sectors A short-term rental allows property owners to generate income and provides a service for tourists.

Econ. Dev. Policy #3 - Build on Existing Economic Strengths & Competitive Advantages

• **S9:** Encourage expansion of the city's tourism economy through efforts to expand in areas of current activity, such as in Canal Park, but also through marketing and investment in destination neighborhoods and iconic tourism experiences unique to Duluth.

Future Land Use – Central Business Primary

Characterized by a broad range of uses and intensities: Governmental campus, significant retail, entertainment and lodging, opportunities for high density housing, central plaza, public/ open space and public parking facilities.

History: The subject property was built in 1905. The existing structure is two stories with retail at street level and office/residential units above.

On May 15, 2024, Planning Commission approved an interim use permit for a vacation dwelling unit in the same building for 103 E Superior St, Unit A.

Review and Discussion Items:

Staff finds that:

- 1) Applicants' property is located at 107 E Superior St, Unit A. The entire apartment unit will be rented. There is 1 bedroom, which allow for a maximum of 3 guests.
- 2) The minimum rental period will be one night.
- 3) One off-street parking space will be provided in the rear parking area.
- 4) The applicant has indicated they will not allow motorhomes or trailers.
- 5) Permit holders must designate a managing agent or local contact who resides within 25 miles of the City and who has authority to act for the owner in responding 24 hours a day to complaints from neighbors or the City. Permit holder must provide the contact information for the managing agent or local contact to all property owners within 100 feet of the property boundary. The applicant has listed themselves to serve as the managing agent.
- 6) A time limit is needed on this Interim Use Permit ("IUP") to protect the public health , safety and welfare from potential longer-term impacts of the requested use at the location of the subject property. Section 50-20.3.U.7 states the IUP shall expire upon change in ownership of the property or in six years, whichever occurs first.
- 7) Applicant must comply with Vacation Dwelling Unit Regulations, including providing information to guests on city rules (included with staff report as "Selected City Ordinances on Parking, Parks, Pets, and Noise").
- 8) There are currently 167 licensed vacation dwelling units in the city, with 80 of those in form districts; the remaining 87 are subject to the cap of 100. The subject property is located within a form district and is not subject to the cap.
- 9) No public, agency, or City comments were received.
- 10) The permit will lapse if no activity takes place within 1 year of approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Based on the above findings, Staff recommends that Planning Commission approve the permit subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant shall adhere to the terms and conditions listed in the Interim Use Permit.
- 2) Any alterations to the approved plans that do not alter major elements of the plan may be approved by the Land Use Supervisor without further Planning Commission review; however, no such administration approval shall constitute a variance from the provisions of Chapter 50.



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