

## **Resident Reports Gunfire Incident and Ongoing Safety Concerns, Including Short-Term Rentals**

During public comment, a resident described escalating safety concerns related to activity near her property, including a report that a no-trespassing sign had been **struck by multiple bullets**.

The resident also raised broader concerns involving:

- Ongoing disturbances linked to short-term rental activity
- Noise and late-night disruptions from rental guests
- Unmanaged guest behavior in residential areas
- Fear of escalating confrontations and lack of effective deterrence
- Difficulty resolving issues under current enforcement limits

The comments reflected growing frustration among some residents regarding safety, privacy, and the challenges of addressing neighborhood impacts within the constraints of state law governing *short-term rentals*.

**Council did not respond or comment during the public comment period,** in accordance with meeting procedure rules, no discussion or *acknowledgment of the remarks was made by council members at that time.*

## **Short-Term Rental Impacts Continue to Be a Major Concern**

### **New Fire Services Contract Moves Forward**

Council reviewed a one-year agreement with West End Fire Rescue Department covering July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The contract includes:

- Approximately \$321,121 annually
- Funding based on the 8.75% Moore County fire tax rate
- Quarterly payments of about \$80,280
- Continued 24/7 emergency response from the Foxfire fire station

### **Key Discussion Point**

The most significant issue raised was the need to resolve building lease and facility responsibility questions over the coming year, particularly related to long-term maintenance and capital repairs of the fire station.

The contract was moved forward to the next council meeting for final approval.