**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLAUS, GEORGIA, AND PARTICULARLY AMENDING ARTICLE VII, ADDING SECTION 74 TO BE TITLED SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

*To be codified in Article VII as Section 74 - SHORT- TERM RENTALS*

## Section 74 – Short-Term Rentals District R1 & R-2

The purpose of this ordinance is to preserve the residential character of neighborhoods, protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents, and prevent the negative impacts associated with transient occupancy.

### (74.1) Definitions

- **Short-Term Rental (STR):** The rental of a dwelling unit, or any portion thereof, for a period of less than 30 consecutive days.
- **Dwelling Unit:** A building or portion thereof designed for residential occupancy by one or more persons.

### (74.2) Prohibition

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, advertise, or offer a short-term rental within the city limits.

(b) No property owner, tenant, or agent shall permit the use of any dwelling unit as a short-term rental.

### (74.3) Enforcement

(a) The mayor and\or the City Council shall investigate complaints and monitor compliance.

(b) Violations shall be subject to:

1. A fine of up to $500 per day for each day the violation continues.

### (74.4) Exceptions

This ordinance shall not apply to:

- STR such as Airbnb establishments that reside within commercially zoned areas.
- Rentals of 30 days or more.

**(74.5) Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption.

Ordered by the following members of Council:

Matt Lynn _____

Marcie Rogers _____

Monte Powell _____

Walter Wright _____

Mayor Donita Bowen _____

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is as true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Santa Claus at a meeting held on the 20th day of October, 2026 as will be shown by minutes of said meeting.

_____, City Secretary