

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS LAW DEPARTMENT

June 6, 2017

Honorable Board of Aldermen City Hall 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

Re:

That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor provide a written summary of actions to date and a plan for future actions to address the property at 20 Adrian Street and its use as an Airbnb

Board Order No. 203481

Dear Honorable Board Members:

You have asked the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor to provide a written summary of actions to date and a plan for future actions to address the property at 20 Adrian Street and its use as an Airbnb. On behalf of both offices, this letter is in response to the above-referenced board order.

The Superintendent of Inspectional Services provides the following summary of actions to-date concerning the alleged use of the above-referenced property for short-term rental via the website, Airbnb: On April 4, 2017, in response to a complaint, the office attempted but was unable to obtain access, and a request to inspect the property was sent to the property owner. On April 21, 2017, the office matched an Airbnb listing to the property, and issued a violation notice. On May 11, 2017, the office spoke to a witness who was still seeing people coming in and out of property. On May 24, 2017, the office followed up on the discussion with the witness, and the use of the property for short term rental appears to have ceased. The office also determined that the Airbnb listing no longer appears to be available. Given the most recent observations, the office intends to continue monitoring the situation.

Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

Very truly yours,

Jason D. Grossfield Assistant City Solicitor

cc:

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone John Long, City Clerk Goran Smiljic, Superintendent of Inspectional Services