St.George

THE BRIGHTER SIDE

Notice of Work Meeting of the City Council of the City of St. George, Washington County, Utah

Public Notice

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of St. George, Washington County, Utah, will hold a work meeting in the City Council Conference Room at the St. George City Hall located at 61 South Main Street, St. George, Utah, on Thursday, November 5, 2026 commencing at 3:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. **Presentation from the Utah Food Bank.**
2. **Discussion regarding owner-occupied Short-Term Rentals.**
3. **Discussion regarding proposed changes to City code pertaining to Animal Control.**
4. **Discussion regarding the Temporary Zoning Ordinance for blasting.**
5. **Discussion regarding the FY28 Budget.**
6. **Update from Department Directors.**
7. **Reports from Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager.**
8. **Request a closed meeting to discuss litigation, security, property acquisition or sale, or the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.**

Christina Fernandez

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder

October 30, 2026

Date

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: The City of St. George will make efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to disabled members of the public in accessing City programs. Please contact the Human Resources office at 435-627-4674, at least 24 hours in advance if you have special needs.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

IN SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS



Pros and Cons

- Provides supplemental income to homeowners
- Owners that have a vested interest in the property are the managers
- Gives owners flexibility to rent if and when they can
- Negative neighborhood impacts could still occur
- Would be tricky to enforce and increase code enforcement cases
- Introduces commercial into residential neighborhood
- Impacts housing availability by removing long-term rental options

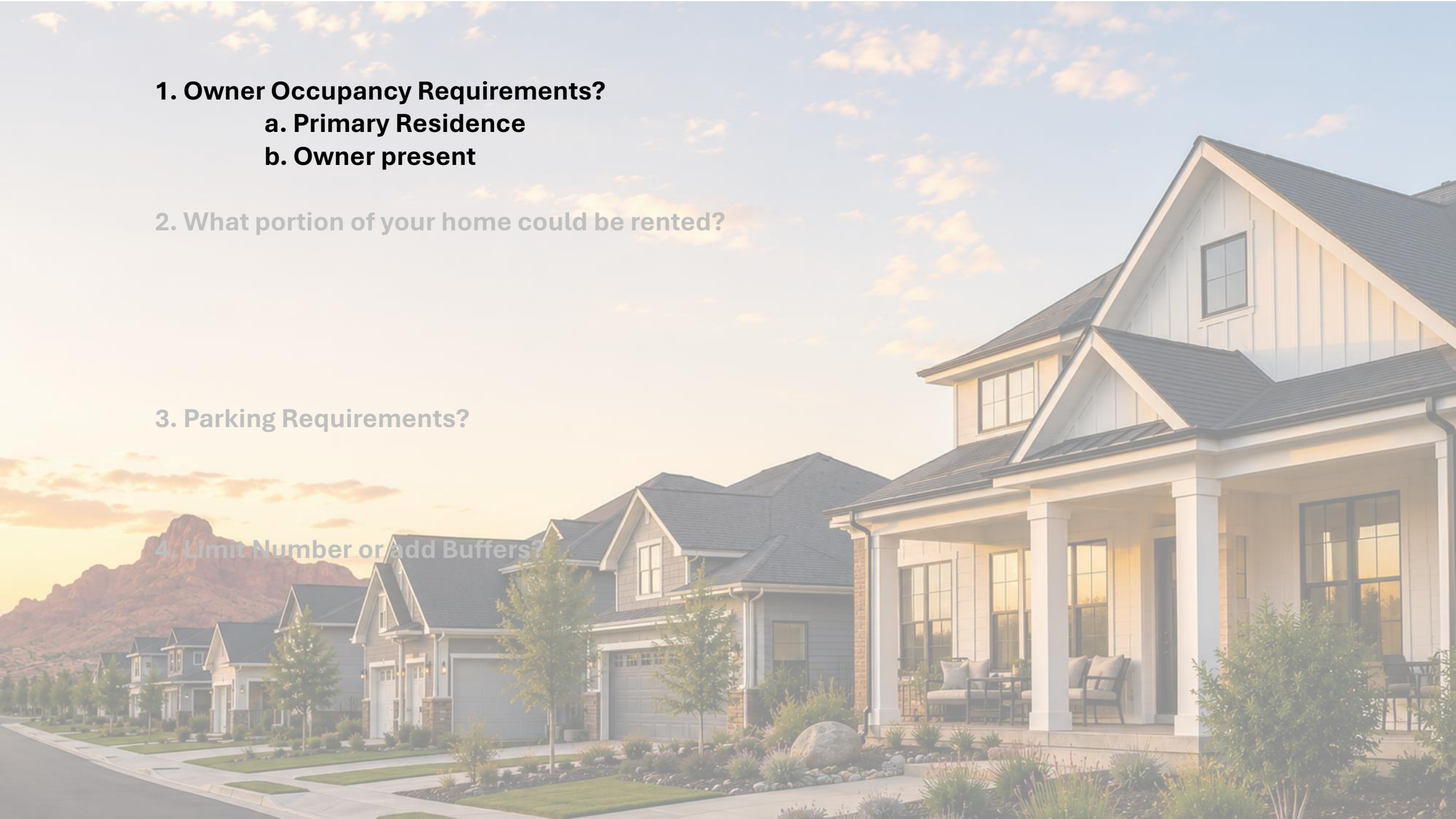
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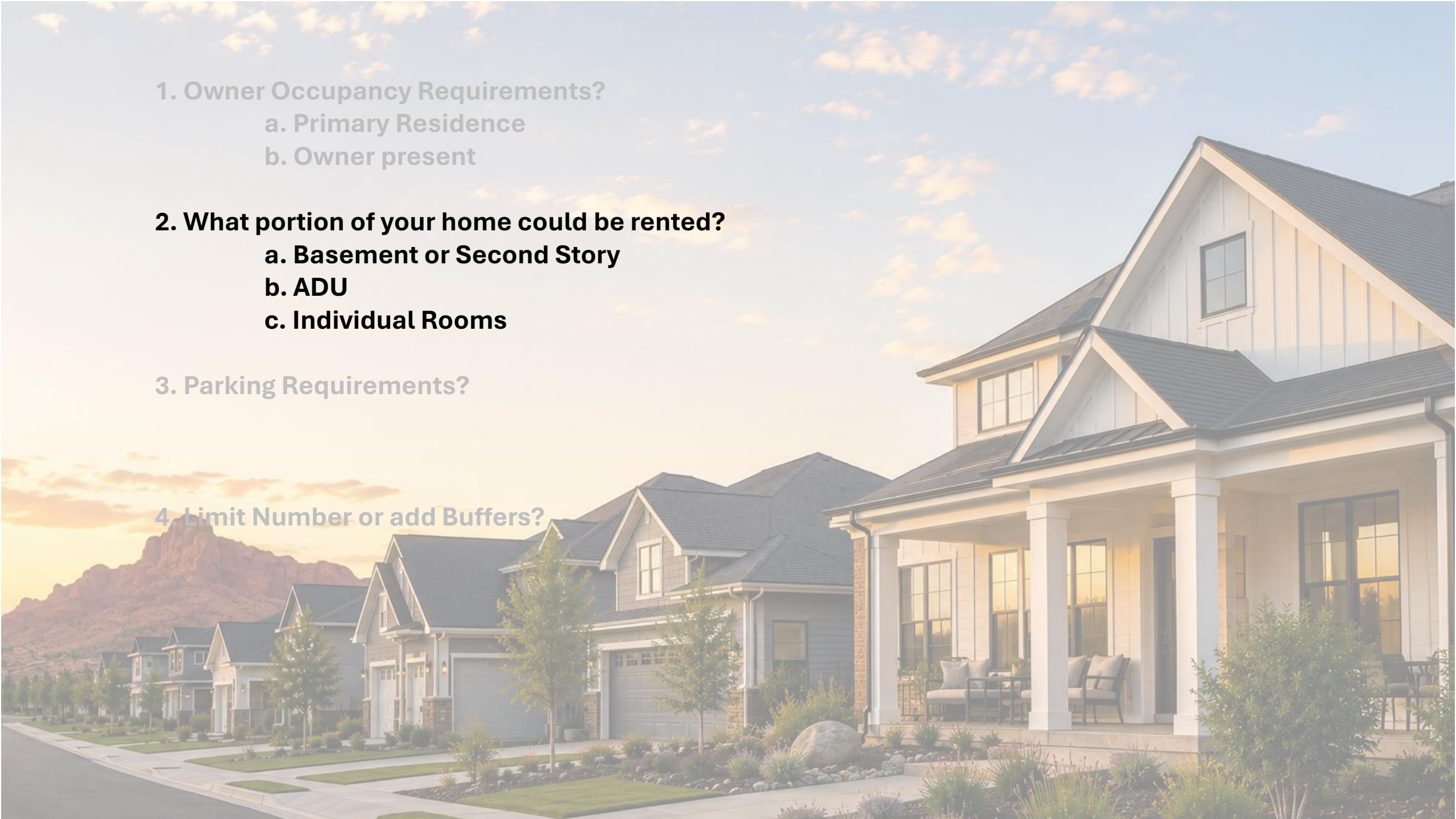
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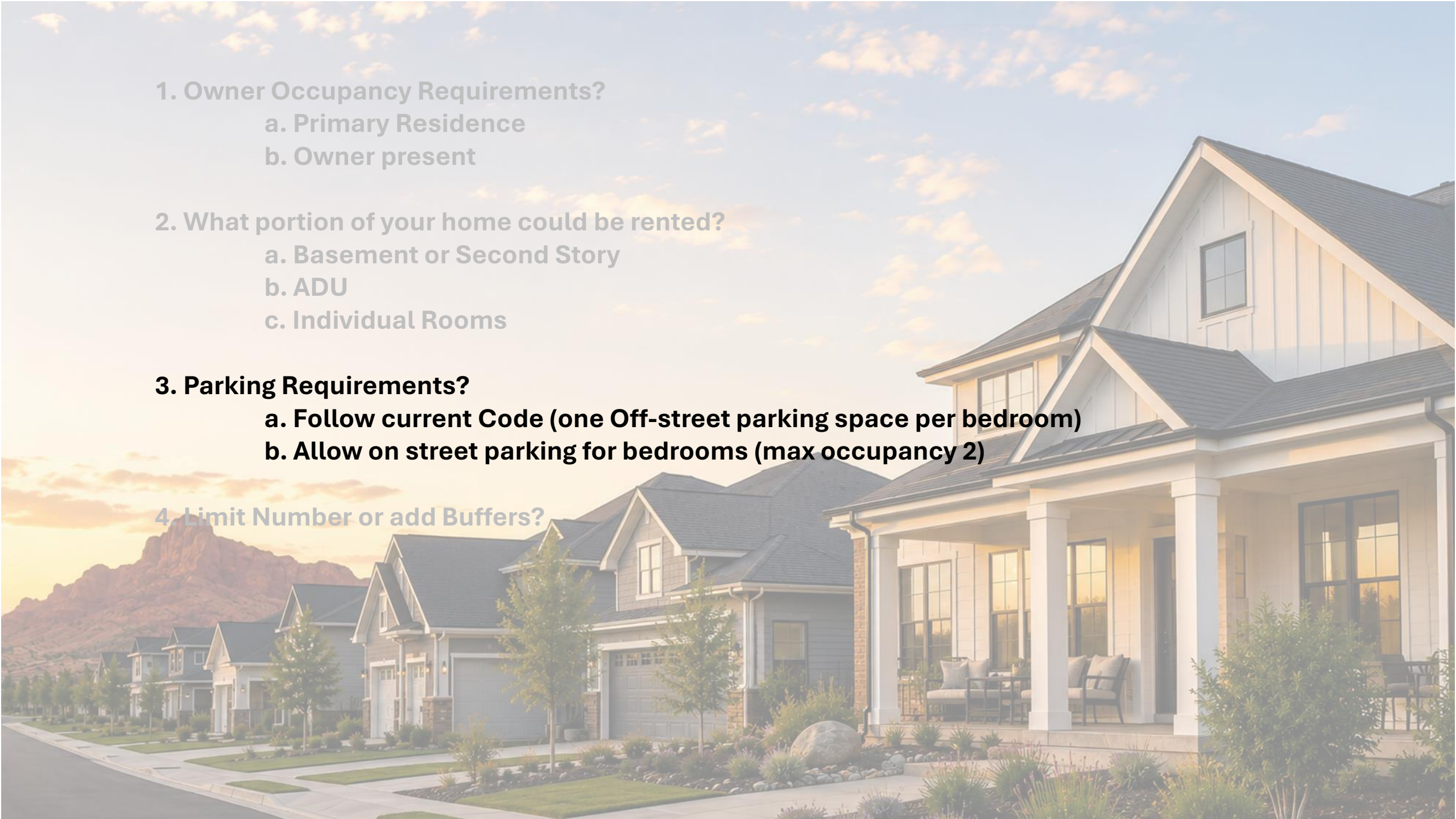
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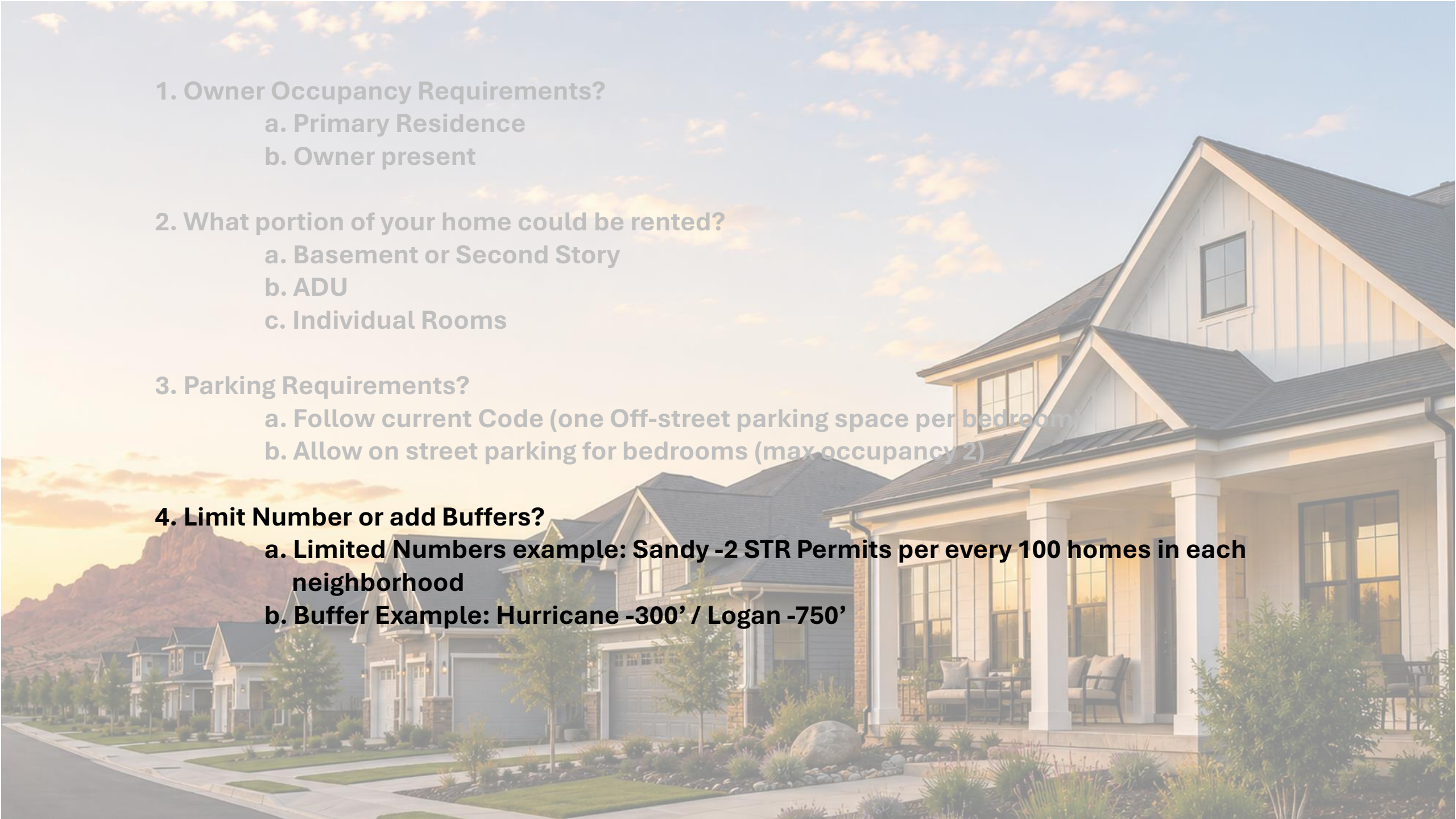


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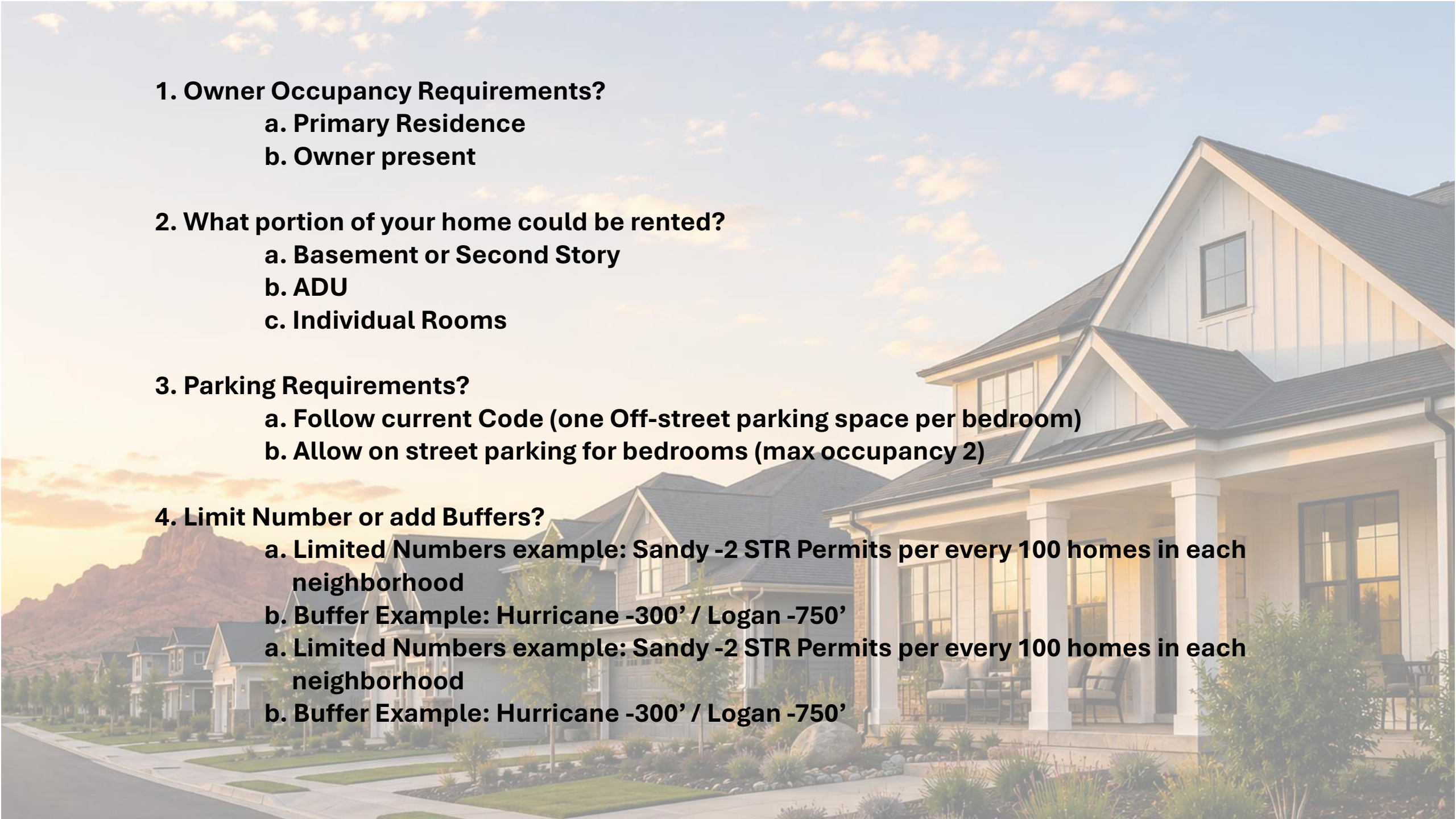


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Discussion



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DEFINITIONS:

As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

ABANDONED OR STRAYED: An animal whose owner cannot be immediately identified through reasonable diligence.

ADEQUATE HOME: Existing facilities to meet the physical and emotional needs of the adopted animal, including food, water, shelter and companionship.

ANIMAL SHELTER: A facility owned and/or operated by a governmental entity or any society incorporated in the state of Utah for the purpose of preventing cruelty to animals and used for the care and custody of seized, stray, homeless, quarantined, abandoned or unwanted dogs, cats or other small domestic animals.

AT LARGE: Any domesticated animal off the premises of the owner or custodian of the animal, and not under immediate control of the owner or custodian. In the case of a dog, immediate control shall mean on a leash, cord, chain or confined within a vehicle.

BITE: An actual puncture, tear or abrasion of the skin inflicted by the teeth of an animal.

CATTERY: An establishment for boarding, breeding, buying, grooming or selling cats for profit.

DOMESTICATED ANIMALS: Animals accustomed to living in or about the habitation of man.

GROOMERY: Any establishment maintained for the purpose of offering cosmetic services for animals for profit.

KENNEL[1]: An establishment having three (3) or more dogs for the purpose of boarding, breeding, buying, grooming, letting for hire, training for fee or selling, except where such establishment shall be licensed as having sportsman's privileges as provided in section 5-2-5 of this chapter.

PET SHOP: Any establishment containing cages or exhibition pens, not part of a kennel or cattery, wherein dogs, cats, birds or other pets for sale are kept or displayed.

QUARANTINE: The isolation of an animal in a substantial enclosure so that the animal is not subject to contact with other animals or unauthorized persons.

RESPONSIBLE ADULT: A person eighteen (18) years of age or older, who is employed or otherwise capable of providing the physical, medical and emotional needs of the adopted animal. A person found guilty or who pled no contest to violating the provisions of this chapter or any other federal, state or local law concerning the abuse of or cruelty to animals, within five (5) years of the animal adoption application, is not a "responsible adult" for the purposes of this chapter.

RIDING SCHOOL OR STABLE: An establishment which offers boarding and/or riding instruction for any horse, pony, donkey, mule or burro, or which offers such animals for hire.

VICIOUS ANIMAL: Any animal meeting the criteria set forth in section 5-2-7G herein.

WILD ANIMAL: Any animal of a species that in their natural life are wild.

1 See also subsection 5-2-4A6 of this chapter for limitations.

(Ord. 81-11-2, 11-5-1981; amd. Ord. 6-1-1988, 6-2-1988; Ord. 2001-08-002, 8-2-2001; 2003 Code)

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5-2-7:

PROHIBITED ACTS AND ACTIVITIES:

A. *Harboring Stray Dogs:* It shall be unlawful for any person, except an animal shelter, to harbor or keep any lost, abandoned or strayed dog. Whenever any dog shall be found which appears to be lost or strayed, it shall be the duty of the finder to notify the animal control division within twenty-four (24) hours, and the division shall impound the dog as herein provided.

B. *Animals Running At Large:* It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any animal, other than domestic cats, to allow such animals at any time to run at large. The owner or person charged with responsibility for an animal found running at large shall be strictly liable for a violation of this subsection regardless of the precautions taken to prevent the escape of the animal and regardless of whether or not he knows that the animal is running at large.

C. *Animals On Unenclosed Premises:* It shall be unlawful for any person to chain, stake out or tether any animal on any unenclosed premises in such a manner that the animal may go beyond the property line unless such person has permission of the owner of the affected property.

D. *Female Dogs In Heat:* It shall be unlawful for the custodian of any female dog in heat to fail to confine such dog in a secure enclosure so as to prevent it from coming into contact with other dogs and creating a nuisance, except for planned breeding.

E. *Places Prohibited To Animals:* It shall be unlawful for any person to take or permit any animal in or about any establishment or place or business where food or food products are sold or displayed, regardless of how the animal may be restrained, except for seeing eye dogs, hearing dogs and dogs assisting governmental officials.

F. *Attacking Dogs:*

1. It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog to allow the dog to attack, chase or worry any person, any domestic animal having a commercial value, or any domestic fowl. “Worry,” as used in this subsection, shall mean to harass by tearing, biting or shaking with the teeth. Killing of a dog by any person while the dog is engaged in any act prohibited by this subsection, is reasonably necessary to stop the dog’s actions, shall not be

a violation of any other provision of this chapter, provided such killing in no way endangers another's safety or property.

2. When there have been two (2) or more reported attacks by the same dog within a 12-month period, the animal control officer may impound and destroy the animal pursuant to section 5-2-10. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the division lieutenant, including impound and destruction for cases of serious bodily injury or death on the first reported attack. Prior to destroying such a dog, the animal control officer shall provide notice of the decision to destroy to the owner of the dog by written notice mailed to the owner's last known address or by personal delivery. The owner may oppose the dog's destruction by making a written request for a review and adjudication to the city recorder within ten (10) business days of the date of the mailing of the notice. Upon a request for a review the administrative law judge shall adjudicate the appeal as soon as is reasonably possible. After receipt of evidence the administrative law judge shall then, based on the evidence presented, affirm or overturn the decision to destroy the dog. If the administrative law judge affirms the decision, the animal control officer shall destroy the dog as soon as possible.

G. *Vicious Animals:*

1. Determination of a Vicious Animal. An animal may be considered vicious if within a 12-month period:

a. Meets the criteria of an attacking dog under F2. herein; or
b. While at large or otherwise not under the control of its owner, has attacked domestic animals on two (2) or more occasions. This excludes animals within the same household.

2. Mitigating Factors. The following factors may be considered in this determination:

a. That the custodian of the animal took reasonable precautions to confine or control the animal; or
b. That the animal was provoked, whether intentionally or unintentionally; or
c. That the animal was responding to pain, injury, or fear.

3. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a vicious animal to permit such animal to go or be off the premises of the owner or custodian unless such animal is under control and properly muzzled so as to prevent it from injuring any person or property. The owner must

secure their premises to ensure the animal remains safely contained. An animal control officer must inspect and verify the security of the property. Every animal so vicious and dangerous that it cannot be effectively controlled by its owner or custodian shall be considered a hazard to public safety, and the division lieutenant may impound and destroy the animal pursuant to section 5-2-10.

4. An administrative law judge or animal control supervisor may require a dog or the dog and its owner to complete approved obedience, behavior, or related training. The animal control supervisor must approve the specific training and verify its successful completion.

H. *Animal Waste Disposal:* It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of an animal to permit the animal to defecate upon a public street, sidewalk, park or other area, or upon the property of another unless the owner or custodian removes and properly disposes of all animal waste that may result.

I. *Carcass Disposal:* It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian, or if ownership cannot be ascertained, for any person causing the death of an animal, to allow the carcass of a dead animal to remain anywhere in the city, whether interred or otherwise, and whether on private or public property. Disposal shall be at the county sanitary landfill by arrangement directly with the operator thereof who shall effect an appropriate interment at the landfill site. This subsection shall have no application to animals killed for consumption purposes, although unused portions of the carcass must be disposed of in accordance herewith. This provision shall not apply to domesticated animals as provided for in section 4-2-3A.

J. *Cruelty To Animals:*

1. Cruelty to animals is prohibited. Cruelty shall consist of those acts designated in Utah Code Annotated section 76-13-2-202, together with injurious hobbling and malicious impounding.

2. The operator of a motor vehicle that strikes and injures any domestic animal shall immediately stop and give such aid as can reasonably be rendered. In the absence of the owner, he shall also immediately notify the animal control division, furnishing requested facts relative to the incident. Emergency vehicles are exempted from the requirements of this provision.

3. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or kill any birds, or to rob or destroy any nest, eggs or young of any bird.

K. *Sale Of Animals:* It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, barter or give away any baby rabbits or fowl under two (2) months of age in any quantity less than six (6). Such animals shall not be artificially dyed or colored. It shall be unlawful for any person to offer a live animal as a premium prize, award, novelty or incentive to purchase merchandise. (Ord. 81-11-2, 11-5-1981; amd. 2003 Code; Ord. 2024-029, 5-2-2024)

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FY 2028 BUDGET PROCESS DISCUSSION



FY 2028 Budget Calendar Key Dates

- **February 4th** – City Council Goals Retreat
- **April 8th** – City Council Budget Retreat
- **May 6th** – Budget Presented to City Council
- **May 20th** – City Council Budget Work Meeting
- **May 27th** – Tentative Budget Adoption
- **June 3rd** – Budget Open House
- **June 3rd & June 17th** – Public Hearings
- **June 17th** – Final Budget Adoption



Goals Retreat Overview

- The Goals Retreat has been a critical first step in the budget process the past 4 years.
- Originally facilitated by Randy Pennington. The last few years have been facilitated by staff.
- Surveys, Council interviews, full day retreat.
- Major outcomes:
  - Affirmed the Council's vision and mission for the City
  - Created the first Council goals and priorities for the City
  - Created the first City business plan
  - Helped align staff with the Council's direction
  - Feedback directly has directly impacted the budget

Goals Retreat Overview for FY 2028

- Staff proposes to facilitate this year's retreat.
- Areas of focus:
  - Brief update on year two of the business plan.
  - Year three development of the business plan.
  - Refinement of proposed strategies and discussion.

Business Plan Development Process

The City Council affirms their priorities for the upcoming year via survey.

Departments will create up to 5 objectives per each Council priority they align with along with relevant strategies to achieve.

The City Council will pick their top 3 objectives by Council Priority for the upcoming year. The City Council can add or tweak objectives.

These areas of focus will guide staff in budget recommendations and in actions taken throughout the year.

Staff will tie actions back throughout the year and report back to the Council on a monthly basis on how each action item is progressing.

Council Goals Schedule

5 Nov. – 12 Nov.

City Council survey

4 Dec.

Departments tasked with developing objectives and related strategies

8 Jan.

Department objectives due to Budget

11 Jan. – 15 Jan.

City Manager review with Departments

4 Feb.

Goals session with the City Council



City Council Survey

- First critical step in this year's process
- Survey opens tonight
- Please submit your responses **by Thursday November 12th**



THOUGHTS / FEEDBACK / CONCERNS ?