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If you're thinking of opening your home up to rentals, please ask questions of your insurance agent, the local Building Department for permitting, and the Planning Department to see if your property has the correct zoning. Talk to the Health Department to see if your water and sewage disposal will be sufficient, and Public Works to see if your existing driveway will accommodate commercial use. A little research ahead of time, can save time and money later on.

I want to have a short term rental

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW...



Permits

- Typically a Conditional Use Permit will be required. The **Planning Department** can provide you with additional information.
- Commercial Use of a property requires additional driveway and approach requirements. The **Public Works Department** can provide you with additional information.
- The **Health Department** has regulations for potable water and an approved sanitation method. They can provide you with information on those areas.
- The **Building Department** requires a Change in Use Permit, and, if the home will not be owner occupied, will also require a sprinkler system.
- Per Federal regulations, at least one sleeping room and bathroom needs to be Handicapped Accessible. A Handicapped Accessible parking spot and sidewalk of asphalt or concrete is required.
- A Pre-Submission meeting with all departments is recommended. This way all of your questions can be answered at one time, and the various departments can let you know what is required.

Did you know?

An owner occupied Bed and Breakfast with 5 or fewer rooms doesn't need a sprinkler system. However, a private home being rented out to people unfamiliar with their surroundings **MUST** have a sprinkler system.

Soooo, why is this important?

Without proper permitting in place, insurance companies may not cover an incident, lenders may not have approved funding for commercial use, and there is no protection for adjacent property owners in a residential neighborhood.

What is short term?

Short term is defined as less than 60 consecutive days in a 12 month period.

Why the long list of “rules”?

- Renting your property short term, and not being on site, creates a mini hotel. The occupants are not familiar with their surroundings, and in a case of emergency, may not know how to exit safely. Proper permitting and safety measures increases public safety and reduces liability.
- The various County departments are responsible for public safety, land use laws, approved access for emergency responders, just to name a few.