Short-Term Rentals

What is a Short-Term Rental Permit?
- A short-term rental permit is required to establish a short-term rental.
- All short-term rental permits shall be approved by the Director.
- A Short-term rental permit is required for the rental of all or any part of a dwelling unit to be used only for lodging accommodations and shall not be used for any other purpose for a period of thirty (30) days or less.
- Property owner(s) shall apply for permit renewal every two (2) years.

Where are Short-Term rentals permitted?
- Single-family dwelling units within single-family residential districts or designated single-family residential areas.
- Multifamily residential districts or designated multifamily residential areas.
- Commercial districts or designated commercial areas within a previously approved residential dwelling unit.
Note: Accessory Dwelling Units shall not be used as short-term rentals.

Short-Term Rentals Regulations
- The short-term rental shall have a minimum of two (2) off-street parking spaces available at all times utilizing either the garage and/or driveway for guests.
- The maximum number of vehicles allowed at the short-term rental shall be limited to:
  - One (1) vehicle per one (1) bedroom unit or;
  - Two (2) vehicles per two (2) or more bedrooms within the short-term rental.
- The maximum overnight occupancy of the short-term rental shall be limited to two (2) persons per bedroom plus two (2) additional persons within the short-term rental.
- The rental property does not display any on-site exterior signs advertising the short-term rental.
- Quiet Hours: Pursuant to the County of Orange Noise Control Ordinance (Section 4-6-5), occupants shall comply with the exterior noise standards by prohibiting continuous noise higher than fifty-five (55) decibels from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and fifty (50) decibels from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. in all residential property.

Can a permit be denied or revoked?
- Yes, If the property owner(s) does not maintain good standing by complying with all County regulations or the permit shall be revoked, and any future permit applications for the property may be negatively impacted. Two (2) violations related to the Ordinance shall discontinue short-term rental operations for up to one (1) year.
Note: A change in ownership shall terminate the short-term rental

What do I need to obtain a permit?
- Short-Term Rental Permit Application can be applied at https://myoceservices.ocgov.com
- Required documentation to the submitted with the application:
  - A letter outlining the proposed short term rental use type and operation
  - A Floorplan of the residence
  - Copy of a blank lease agreement
  - Proof of Ownership

Ready to Apply or Have Questions?
Visit myOCeServices.ocgov.com

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