

# Short Term Rentals

WHY SHOULD THEY BE REGULATED?
HOW CAN THEY BE REGULATED?

## Short Term Rental (STR) - Definition

Rental of a residence (or part thereof) to a transient lodger for a limited duration, usually less than 30 days

- •Homestay: owner occupied. Owner is on-site while rooms/detached cottage is rented to guest
- •Whole-house: no primary resident; entire property is rented to guests

## Why Regulate?

- Maximizes Housing Availability and Affordability
- Preserve Neighborhood Character
- Provides for Health and Safety
- Generates Occupancy Tax Revenue
- Provides Regulatory Consistency



#### Statutory Considerations - Regulations

STRs subject to Vacation Rental Act & Periodic Inspection Statutes, which <u>prohibit</u>:

- Local ordinances that require a permit to lease STRs
- Requiring owners to enroll in any governmental program in order to get certificate of occupancy
- Levying a special fee or tax on STRs that are not levied on other commercial and residential property



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STRs may be regulated through zoning and development ordinances:

- Restrict to certain zoning districts
- Operational guidelines parking capacity, occupancy limits, noise restrictions, responsible party designation, health & safety inspections, etc.
- Quantitative regulations capping the number of units in a district or multi-unit building



## Discussion



