

Short-term rental licencing program comes into effect Jan. 31

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Welland, ON – Beginning January 31, the City of Welland’s licencing program for short-term rentals comes into effect. Licencing ensures all short-term rentals within the City of Welland are operating under applicable law.

A short-term rental is a dwelling unit rented for 28 consecutive days or less but does not include a bed and breakfast, hotel/motel, or boarding or lodging house. Zoning permits short-term rental accommodations as a secondary use in residential, agricultural, and institutional zones where residential uses are allowed and as the principal use of dwellings in commercial zones that allow for residential uses.

A short-term rental page has been developed on the City’s website to provide residents and short-term rental operators relevant information. This includes information regarding applying for a Short Term Rental Licence and information about reporting an issue or concern related to a short-term rental in your neighbourhood. The webpage can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.welland.ca/BylawEnforcement/ShortTermRentals.asp>

With the required licencing, owners and operators of short-term rentals in the City should be aware that zoning policy requires that rentals:

- Not contain more than three guest bedrooms
- Be subject to licencing following the City’s short-term rentals licencing by-law
- May be the principal use of an accessory dwelling unit in residential, institutional, open space, and agricultural zones where residential uses are permitted, but only if the operator is residing on the premises
- Not display external advertising on the site
- Require 0.5 additional parking spaces per guest room (may be a tandem parking space)

The By-law Enforcement Division enforces short-term rental licensing by-law regulations through the Administrative Penalty System (APS) and a demerit point system. As well, by-law officers can suspend or revoke a licence.

If you have questions about the by-law or the licencing, you can contact Planning at 905-735-1700 x2251 or 2257 or By-law Enforcement at 905-735-1700 x2224.

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