



City of Lansing

Airbnb/Short-Term Rental Housing FAQ's



- * *Does an Airbnb/short-term rental house have to be a registered rental?*

If the owner of the property does *not* live in the house, it must be registered as a rental through the City of Lansing's Code Enforcement Division, 316 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 483-4361.

However, Federal Law states that if a residential property is rented for more than 14 days during a calendar year, the owner must include any Rental Income in reported income on the owner's tax return. Any such residential property will be reviewed by the Michigan Department of Treasury and may lose its Principal Residence Exemption (PRE). If an owner's PRE is revoked, the property must be registered as a rental with the City. The City cannot give advice regarding federal or state requirements, and owners of such properties should consult a tax professional.

- * *What is the maximum allowable occupancy for an Airbnb/short-term rental house?*

It depends on the zoning of the property but as a general rule, a single family home may be occupied by the owner of the property and 2 additional adults. If the owner of the property does not reside in the home, it may be occupied by 3 adults.

- * *What is the requirement for parking?*

On-site parking must be provided for all vehicles associated with persons living or temporarily staying on the site. Parking is not permitted on City streets between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. On-site parking spaces must be paved with asphalt or concrete and subject to the dimensional limitations of the Zoning Ordinance for residential parking.

For questions, please contact:

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