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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: Vancouver Enhances Short-Term Rental Rules to Align with Provincial Legislation (September 24, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

Following your approval last night's public hearing, I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin regarding updates to the City's short-term rental policy.

As outlined in the report, City staff recommended amendments to the City's short-term rental policy to align with the Province's recently implemented Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act, including extending the definition of short-term rentals from less than 30 days to less than 90 days.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x'm k'y'm (Musqueam), S'wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s'ilw'ta' (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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Information bulletin
September 25, 2024

Vancouver Enhances Short-Term Rental Rules to Align with Provincial Legislation

Following a public hearing last night, Vancouver City Council approved updates to the City's [short-term rental policy](#), further aligning it with the Province's recently enacted [Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act](#).

As part of the updates, the definition of a short-term rental will be changed from less than 30 days to less than 90 days. Long-term rental licence holders who are currently renting their property for periods between 30 to 90 days will need to either apply for a short-term rental licence, provided they meet all [requirements](#), or extend their rental terms to more than 90 days and continue to operate using their long-term rental licence. These updates are expected to be enacted on October 8.

To strengthen enforcement, the City will also be requesting that the Province amend the Vancouver Charter to allow municipal tickets to be served by registered or electronic mail.

Operating a Short-Term Rental in Vancouver

In 2018, Vancouver adopted short-term rental regulations aimed at protecting Vancouver's long-term housing stock and supporting the health and safety of operators and renters.

The City's short-term rental regulations largely align with, and in some instances are more restrictive than the Province's. To operate a short-term rental such as an Airbnb or Vrbo in Vancouver, the property must be:

- An entire home or room within a home that is rented for less than 90 days.
- A principal residence – vacant units, including secondary units or laneway homes cannot be rented out as a short-term rental.
- Licensed to the person who resides in the property.

In early 2025, all short-term rental operators will be required to enroll in the [provincial registry](#), which will enhance data sharing and compliance monitoring.

Simplified Long-Term Rental Licensing

To support compliance, the City has made the process to apply and obtain a long-term rental licence easier and faster.

As of September 12, 2024, residents can apply and obtain a [long-term rental licence](#) completely online. This new digital process replaces the need for physical application forms, enhances customer communication and allows applicants to easily check on their application status.

For more information about the City's short-term business licence, please visit: <https://vancouver.ca/doing-business/short-term-rentals.aspx>

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