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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: What residents need to know about short-term rentals for summer 2026

Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below information bulletin on Tuesday, Oct.14, about Short Term Rental reminders in advance of the FIFA World Cup, to clarify some confusion out in the media and public regarding the rules for short-term rentals.

Chris will reply to this email with the relevant web and social media links, once live.

Thanks,

Karen

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What residents need to know about short-term rentals for summer 2026

Vancouver, British Columbia is preparing to welcome an influx of visitors for summer 2026 and many residents are exploring ways to take part, including hosting guests through short-term rentals (STRs). But with growing interest comes confusion, and we're here to clear things up.

If you're a Vancouver resident looking to earn extra income by listing your home or room for short-term rental for summer of 2026, you can. Short-term rentals are permitted year-round in Vancouver, provided hosts meet all regulatory requirements. These rules are designed to promote safe, responsible hosting while helping protect long-term housing in our communities.

What you need to know in Vancouver:

- A provincial registration number is required: To advertise or host you'll need a valid provincial short-term rental registration number. Make sure to include your provincial registration number in all listings. Apply here: Register as a host - Province of British Columbia
- A business licence is required: Before advertising or hosting, you'll need a valid short-term rental business licence from the City of Vancouver. Make sure to include your licence number in all listings.

- Only your principal residence can be rented: You can host a short-term rental in your primary home, the place where you live, receive mail, and pay bills. Separate suites, such as basements or laneway homes, can be rented if you live in that specific unit.
- Homeowners and renters are eligible: Both owners and tenants can apply. Renters just need written permission from their landlord, and strata residents must have approval from their strata council.
- Short-term equals under 90 days: Short-term rentals are defined as stays of fewer than 90 consecutive days at a time.
- Safety and neighbour consideration matter: Your home must meet fire and building safety standards. Hosts are also expected to minimize noise, manage waste properly, and respect neighbours.

The above varies for different municipalities in British Columbia. Please check your municipality's website for more information.

Getting your short-term rental licence in Vancouver is simple
The application process is quick, fully online and easy to follow:

1. Check your eligibility
2. Confirm your home meets safety standards
3. Apply through the City's website

Whether you're planning ahead for next summer or just looking to earn extra income, now is a great time to get set up. Start today at: vancouver.ca/short-term-rentals

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