

Short-Term Rental Regulations

Public Hearing – September 24, 2024



Guiding Principles

1. Protect long-term rental supply
2. Ensure health and safety
3. Encourage neighbourhood fit
4. Enable supplemental income
5. Support the tourism industry
6. Promote regulatory equity
7. Encourage compliance

Key Regulations

1. STR Operator licence required
2. STR unit must be the principal residence of the licence holder
3. Must be a legal dwelling unit
4. Units require landlord or strata approval
5. Business licence number must be displayed on all advertising.

- Hosts may rent their principal residence
- Platforms are required to provide monthly data to the province, which is shared with local governments
- New provincial portal allows local governments to request removal of unlicensed listings
- A provincial compliance and enforcement unit will enforce provincial rules
- Hosts will be required to participate in a provincial registry

- The *Short Term Rental Accommodations Act* limits STR to the host's principal residence, plus one secondary suite on the same property
- The province defines STR as less than 90 days, requiring the City to align with the provincial definition through an amendment to the Zoning and Development By-law.
- Maximum fine under a Municipal Ticket Information increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000

STR Enforcement since May 2024



Metrics	Count
Verifications processed	213
Business licences suspended	97
Units identified for inspection	71
License accounts closed	53
Tickets issued	53
Legal orders	31
Provincial warnings	422
Provincial takedown requests	287
Provincial escalations	69

Recommendation: Council approve amendments to the definition of “Short Term Rental Accommodation” to “temporary accommodation for any period less than 90 consecutive days” to align with the Provincial *Short Term Rental Accommodations Act*.

Recommendation: Council request that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Vancouver Charter*, to allow service of Municipal Ticket Informations (MTIs) by registered mail or by electronic mail.



THANK YOU

End of presentation