



Short Term Rental Update – May 30, 2023

Short-Term Rental Numbers

- Currently, there are 153 permitted short-term rentals in Columbus.
- Per data provided by the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau there were 273 active short-term rental advertisements as of April 7, 2023.
- Through May 24th, Inspections and Code has issued 5 new short-term rental permits since the moratorium ended May 15th.

Ordinance 23-008 Highlights

- Current Short Term Rental Ordinance is ordinance 23-008 passed by Council on January 31, 2023.
- Requires annual permit to be obtained from the Inspections and Code Department.
- Application process includes:
 - Background Check
 - Code Compliance Verification
 - Written Exemplar Agreement
 - Proof of Ownership
 - Proof of Insurance
 - Proof of Neighbor Notification
 - Inspection by Inspections and Code Staff
 - \$40.00 Fee

Ordinance 23-008 Highlights

- Limits the occupant load of any rental to 2 occupants per bedroom plus one additional occupant.
- Requires a sticker, provided by Inspections and Code, to be placed on the front door of the unit.

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- Limits the number of permitted rentals in the City's Historic Districts as provided below:
 - Downtown Historic District—35
 - Weracoba/St. Elmo Historic District—20
 - High Uptown Historic District—15
 - Liberty Heritage Historic District—7
 - Waverly Terrace Historic District—16
 - Wildwood Circle Historic District—11
 - Wynnton Village Historic District—27
 - Peacock Woods/Dimon Circle—12
 - Dinglewood Historic District—2
 - Wynn's Hill Overlook Historic District—26

Enforcement

- Inspections and Code has instituted a proactive enforcement policy. Prior enforcement efforts were solely based on complaints.
- Enforcement action now begins with the receipt of a monthly rental report from the Columbus Convention and Visitors' Bureau.
- Inspections and Code Staff reviews report for rentals operating without the proper permits and/or business license.

Enforcement

- First step is to mail owners of non-compliant rentals certified mail notifying them they are not in compliance with the City's ordinances. They will be provided 14 days after receipt of the letter to bring the rental into compliance.
- If the owner fails to comply, Inspections and Code will attempt to cite the owner or operator of the rental.
 - This will include visiting the rental and/or owner's house bi-weekly until a citation is issued. Warning stickers will also be left in each location, as necessary.
- Initial enforcement efforts will focus on Historic Districts.

Questions?