

TOWN OF GEORGIA

CHECKLIST FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION/AMENDMENT/REPEAL

The Short-Term Rental (STR) ordinance is proposed and approved:

- Introduction of proposed Short-Term Rental (STR) ordinance at regular or special selectboard meeting held on November 24, 2025.
- Approval of STR ordinance by majority of total membership of selectboard on December 8, 2025.

The selectboard notifies the public of its intent to make the STR ordinance effective:

- STR ordinance will be entered into the selectboard minutes on: December 8, 2025.
- Copies of the STR ordinance will be posted in the following five conspicuous places in town on Friday, December 12, 2025:

1. Town offices _____
2. Georgia Public Library _____
3. Georgia Elementary & Middle School _____
4. Georgia Market _____
5. Maplefields _____

- Notice will be published in the St. Albans Messenger newspaper circulating in the town on: December 12, 2025, which is not more than 14 days after adoption by the selectboard.

- The newspaper notice includes:

- Name of the municipality;
- Municipal website address (if the town has a website and it is updated on a regular basis);
- Title or subject of the STR ordinance;
- Full text or concise summary of the STR ordinance;
- Name, telephone number, and mailing address of a municipal official designated to answer questions and receive comments;
- Location where the full text of the STR ordinance may be examined; and

- Explanation of citizens' right to petition pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973 for a vote on the STR ordinance.

If the town does not receive a voter petition within 44 days of the date the selectboard adopted the STR ordinance:

- o STR ordinance will become effective on Friday, February 6, 2026 which is 60 days after the date of its adoption, or on another chosen date following the expiration of the 60 days as established by the selectboard;
- o STR ordinance will be recorded in town records on Monday, February 9, 2026.

If the town receives a voter petition within 44 days of date the selectboard adopted the STR ordinance, the selectboard must warn (i.e., notice) a (special or annual) town meeting to determine whether voters will disapprove of the STR ordinance.

- Voter petition must be received on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 by 4:00pm.

If the annual town meeting falls within 60 days from receipt of the petition, the selectboard includes an article pertaining to the STR ordinance in the annual meeting warning and:

- At least two copies of the ordinance will be posted at each polling place during the hours of voting; and
- Enough copies of the ordinance are made to give to voters at the polls upon request.

If the voters disapprove of the STR ordinance at an annual or special town meeting, the STR ordinance does not take effect.

If the voters approve of the STR ordinance at an annual or special town meeting, the STR ordinance takes effect at the conclusion of that meeting (unless otherwise specified).