

VLCT QUICK GUIDE TO: ORDINANCE ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL

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 and December 8, 2025**.
- Approval of STR ordinance by majority of total membership of selectboard on December 15, 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 15, 2025**.
- Copies of the STR ordinance will be posted in the following five conspicuous places in town on **Friday, December 19, 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 19, 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 13, 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 16, 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 28, 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).