



Agenda Item Executive Summary

Item Name AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO Committee or Board Committee

BUDGET IMPACT

Amount:	N/A	Budgeted:	N/A
List what fund:	N/A		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following a police response to a disruptive short-term rental earlier in 2025, the Village of Winnebago began evaluating the impacts of these rentals on neighborhood safety and residential quality of life. As a result of increasing community concern and a rise in inquiries, the Village initiated a review process which included examining comparable regulations.

This ordinance, modeled largely after the City of Rockford's framework, establishes a structured and enforceable set of guidelines for the operation of short-term rentals. It includes requirements for permits, guest registries, annual renewal, inspections, and neighborhood notification. It sets occupancy and parking limits, prohibits parties and large events, and mandates a local contact person for emergency response.

In response to feedback from the July 2, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, the ordinance now includes an expanded and clarified definition of a "party," distinguishing between nuisance events and incidental social visits.

These measures ensure that short-term rentals operate responsibly, preserve the residential character of neighborhoods, and protect public health and safety.

ATTACHMENTS (PLEASE LIST)

Draft Ordinance

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ For Discussion Only
- ☐ Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance
- ☐ Motion:

MOTION: I MOVE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-___, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO

Staff: Joey Dienberg, Village Administrator Date: 7/16/2025