



Agenda Item Executive Summary

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

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.

Following the July 16 Committee of the Whole, it was determined that the village would not impose a hotel/motel tax at this time, resulting in that language being removed from the model ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS (PLEASE LIST)

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: 8/6/2025