

“Port Sheldon Township recognizes the need to balance property rights along with the preservation of residential neighborhoods. We believe this regulation provides tools necessary to address potential issues before they become problematic”

STR Regulations

As of January 1, 2025, Port Sheldon Township requires registration of all properties operated as a short-term rental (STR defined as residence rented for not more than 29 days consecutively).

There are occupancy limits based on designated “off-street” parking spaces, and legal bedroom size. (not to exceed 16 occupants total)

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Short Term Rentals

Guide & FAQ





FAQ's

Q: Can I rent my home, or a portion of my home as a short-term rental (STR)?

A: Yes, provided that you fill out the application to register with the township, pay the initial registration fee, and meet occupancy requirements.

Q: How much does it cost to register a property as a STR?

A: The initial registration fee is \$350, and \$150 annually for each year you intend to rent. Payable by Jan 1, of the rental year

Q: Can I rent the space in my Barn/Accessory building as an STR?

A: No, zoning ordinance does not allow for sleeping accommodations in accessory buildings, or more than one "dwelling unit" per parcel. (No ADU's, Granny Flats, etc.)



Important Points

- "Short Term Rental" is defined as renting not more than 29 consecutive nights
- A local agent needs to be available On-Site within 30 minutes of being contacted by township or law enforcement officials
- The owner must consent to inspection of the STR upon request of township officials with 48 hours' notice
- The Township may revoke the rental registration if two (2) incidents resulting in violations of zoning ordinance or state law
- Notice of township rules, STR Ordinance, trash disposal, parking, and number of occupants must be provided to renters
- The exterior of the STR shall have a residential character, not incompatible with other dwellings in the vicinity, nor be altered to add excessive paved surfaces

How many people can I rent to?

Sleeping Occupancy is set by room size
70 sq./ft. = 1 occupant
+50 sq/ft. for each additional room occupant

120 sq/ft. = 2 occupants
170 sq/ft = 3 occupants

*Open floor plan - 2 occupants for each sleeper sofa allowed. (Max 2 sofas in separate rooms for a total of 4 occupants)

Additionally, Unit Occupancy is limited by available off-street parking

2 spaces are required for 6 occupants (Minimum requirement)

1 additional space required for each additional 3 occupants

Total Unit Occupancy

The maximum allowable occupancy is 16 occupants (aged 2 and up), but will be the lower number of the two calculations (room occupancy or off-street parking availability)

If you have questions, feel free to contact us at the township during normal office hours.

M-F 9-12 & Wed 5-7pm