



Short Term Rentals

The Town of Lincoln officially rolled out their Short-Term Rental Registration Program in October, 2020. This ordinance and registration process was created in part to help ensure the safety of occupants; minimize neighborhood disruption, and maintain fairness related to paying for Town services.

A “Short Term Rental” or “Vacation Rental” unit is defined as any individually or collectively owned single-family house or dwelling unit, or any unit or group of units in a condominium, cooperative, timeshare, or owner-occupied residential home that is offered for a fee for less than 30 consecutive days per RSA 48-A:1.

There is a Short-Term Rental Registration form available online at www.lincolnnh.org or at Lincoln Town Hall. The fee to register is \$50.00 annually, and unregistered units will be fined as follows **starting April 1, 2021**:

***First offense** is a written warning.

***Second offense** is a \$100.00 fee.

***Third offense**, after allowing 10-days since second offense is \$500.00 fee.

***Additional offenses**, after allowing 10-days for registration since third offense is \$1000.00 fee.

We have calculated that there are approximately 800-1000 short term rentals currently operating in Lincoln, and as of mid-February we have 255 units registered.

The Town has the right to revoke a permit for any Short-Term Rental unit that becomes a nuisance. This action will require a minimum of three incidents within one-year, validated by the Lincoln Police Department, or NH State Police, where the contact person was notified of problematic occupant actions. Any unit owner found to be operating as a Short-Term Rental after revocation will be fined \$1000.00 per 10-day period.

If a permit is revoked, the owner may appeal the decision to the Board of Selectmen within 30-days of the date of revocation, and the Selectmen shall hold a hearing on the appeal within 45-days and either affirm the revocation or overturn it. If the revocation is overturned, the Selectmen can impose conditions upon the reinstatement of the permit.

The Town of Lincoln would like to also ensure that all short-term rental guests are aware of the Town’s following ordinances:

Transfer Station/Recycling Facility Regulations, Winter & Inclement Weather Ordinance, Disorderly Action Ordinance, Wild animal Ordinance, Public Drinking Ordinance, Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance and Permissible Fireworks Ordinance.