

# Short-Term Rentals Draft Regulations Survey

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Short-Term Rentals (STRs) are rentals of a room or rooms in a dwelling unit for less than 30 consecutive days. Often these rentals are advertised and processed through online platforms such as Airbnb, HomeAway, and VRBO. In the City of Richmond, STRs are currently not identified as a permitted use in the City's Zoning Ordinance and are, therefore, prohibited. City staff is working to develop legislation to permit and regulate STRs and seeks your input on this draft legislation. To learn more about the draft legislation, please visit:

<http://www.richmondgov.com/PlanningAndDevelopmentReview/ShortTermRentals.aspx>

## 1. Please provide your information below

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Do you want us to add your email address to the email list to be updated about STRs?

Yes       No

## 3. Please select the options that best describes you (check all that apply).

- I am a City of Richmond homeowner
- I am a City of Richmond renter
- I own a business in the City of Richmond
- I own property in the City of Richmond
- I do not own a business or property or live in the City of Richmond

## 4. If you live in the City of Richmond, in which neighborhood do you live?

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## 5. In what type of home do you live?

- Single Family Detached Home
- Single Family Attached Home
- Multi-Family Dwelling
- Mobile/Manufactured Dwelling

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6. **Short-Term Rentals (STRs)** are rentals of a room or rooms in a dwelling unit for less than 30 days. Often these rentals are advertised and processed through online platforms such as Airbnb, HomeAway, and VRBO. Are you aware of short-term short-term rentals operating in your neighborhood?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know

7. **If you answered yes to #6, do you have any concerns with the short-term rentals that are operating in your neighborhood??**

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Below are the conditions included in the draft STR regulations. The proposed regulations were drafted after a review of legislation in other localities and current operations of short-term rentals in the city of Richmond. PDR is seeking your input on the draft conditions to be included on the legislation.

8. **Permitted Zones:** Short-term rentals should be permitted as an accessory use in any zoning district that permits residential uses.

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**9. Dwelling Types:** Short-term rentals should be permitted in all types of dwellings (single-family homes, condominiums, apartments, etc.) including accessory dwelling units..

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**10. STR Operator:** Both property owners and tenants of a residential unit qualify to operate STRs in their dwelling units. For tenants, property owner approval is required; and for condominiums and co-ops, board approval is required. The short-term rental must be the primary residence of the short-term rental operator. Primary residence is established by occupying the dwelling unit for a minimum of 185 days out of the calendar year.

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**11. Number of Nights of Operation:** A dwelling unit can operate as a short-term rental for a maximum of 180 nights in a year.

Agree

Neutral

Disagree, there should be no limit.

Disagree, fewer nights should be permitted.

Disagree, more nights should be permitted.

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**12. Number of Lodgers:** The number of adult lodgers is limited to 2 per sleeping room, except where the current edition of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code requires fewer occupants. The number of sleeping rooms available for an STR is limited to 5 sleeping rooms. There is no limit on the number of children that can be associated with the adult lodgers.

- Agree       Neutral       Disagree, there should be no limit other than the Building Code requirements.       Disagree, fewer adult lodgers should be permitted.       Disagree, more adult lodgers should be permitted..

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**13. Unhosted and Hosted Stays:** Both whole house and room rentals are permitted as the operator is not required to occupy the unit during the stay. The proposed ordinance does not distinguish between hosted (where the operator occupies the dwelling unit during the stay) and unhosted (where the operator does not occupy the dwelling unit) stays. The operator must provide contact information with a phone number accessible 24-hours per day to the City.

- Agree       Neutral       Disagree, unhosted stays should not be permitted.       Disagree, hosted stays should not be permitted.

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**14. Parking Requirements:** No additional parking is required for the short-term rental use.

- Agree       Neutral       Disagree

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**15. Limit in Multi-Family Zones:** For any dwelling use in multi-family and mixed-use zones, a maximum of nine dwelling units, or twenty five percent (25%) of the total number of dwelling units, whichever is less, may be used as a short-term rental.

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**16. Events at STRs:** Events such as parties, banquets, weddings, meetings, and any other gathering of persons other than the authorized lodgers are prohibited from occurring at an STR.

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

If you selected "Disagree", please provide more details below:

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**17. Is there anything else you would like PDR to know regarding short-term rentals?**

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