



SHORT TERM RENTALS ORDINANCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. How will short term rentals be tracked?

The Town is considering contracting with a vendor to help identify Short-Term Rentals advertised for rent. It is anticipated the vendor's services would be covered by the fees paid by Short Term Rental registrations.

2. What are the registration requirements for a Short-Term Rental?

- An annual registration form;
- Once that form is determined complete, a Short-Term Rental Authorization and Registration Number will be issued;
- All Authorization and Registration Numbers expire on December 31st of each year and will need to be renewed; and
- An annual report is required to be filed with the Select Board, starting with the January 2026 registrations.

3. What are fees required by the Town for a Short-Term Rental?

- The annual registration fee is \$100.

4. The ordinance takes effect April 29th. When are registrations due?

January 1st, **2025** is when the first registration will be due. This is to allow time for owners to schedule an inspection with the VT Division of Fire Safety.

5. Who will enforce this Ordinance?

The Town of Rutland Compliance Officer, Police Officers, Constables, and Health Officer will be designated and authorized to act as Issuing Municipal Officials for violations of this ordinance.

6. Where do I find the registration forms?

Forms related to Short-Term Rentals are available on the Town website, RutlandTown.com, under the "government" tab, "ordinances and policies", "permits and forms".

7. Why is the Town regulating Short Term rentals and not long term?

The State of Vermont specifically handles all long-term rentals, as well as landlord / tenant issues.

8. How are inspections handled?

Contact the Vermont Division of Fire Safety at 802-786-5867 or 1-888-370-4834 to schedule an appointment with them.

9. Can I list my Short-Term Rental for 2024 without registering?

Yes. The requirement for registering begins January 1st, 2025.

10. What if I have other questions?

Please contact the Town Administrator, Bill Sweet, at the Town Office at 802-773-2528.