

## **News Release**

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## **Charleston County adopts new regulations for Short-Term Rental Properties**

On July 24, Charleston County Council adopted Short-Term Rental Property regulations designed to protect the quality of life and character of residential neighborhoods, while allowing property owners to operate Short-Term Rental Properties within unincorporated Charleston County.

The new Short-Term Rental Property regulations, which apply only to unincorporated properties, are contained within the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), which can be found online at: <a href="http://www.online.encodeplus.com/regs/charlestoncounty-sc/index.aspx">http://www.online.encodeplus.com/regs/charlestoncounty-sc/index.aspx</a>.

The new Short-Term Rental Regulations are contained in Chapter 6, Article 6.8 of the ZLDR and include three types of Short-Term Rentals:

- Limited Home Rental
- Extended Home Rental
- Commercial Guest House

Upon adoption of the regulations on **July 24, 2018** by County Council, current Short-Term Rental Properties operating, whether with or without a current and valid Business License, will have 30 calendar days to submit applications to comply with the provisions of the new Short-Term Rental regulations, and an additional 90 calendar days to obtain all Zoning Permits for the Short-Term Rental Property use.

You are invited to research the new regulations online and if you require further information, please contact the Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department at 843-202-7200.

## **Zoning and Planning Department:**

The Zoning & Planning Department administers the County's Comprehensive Plan (ten-year update adopted by County Council on November 18, 2008, as amended) and the Zoning and Land Development Regulations ordinance (adopted by County Council on Nov. 20, 2001 as amended) and prepares various studies and plans related to the current and future use of land in Charleston County. This Department serves as the professional and technical staff for the County Planning Commission, which is an advisory body to County Council. The Zoning & Planning Department also serves as the professional and technical staff for the County's Board of Zoning Appeals and to the Towns of Meggett and Rockville.

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