



LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
APPLICATION FOR HOSTED SHORT-TERM RENTAL (STR)
Please fill out separate forms for each short-term rental being operated

Please return this form to **Lancaster County, Virginia, Department of Planning and Land Use, 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, VA 22503**

PART 1 PROPERTY OFFERED FOR HOSTED SHORT-TERM RENTAL

STR Location Address: _____

Tax Map No(s): _____

Total number of bedrooms to be advertised for rent: _____

Total Number of guests allowed (including invited visitors): _____

Applicant (Property Owner) Name: _____

Name & Title of Officer, if business: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address(s): _____

PART 2 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO APPLICATION

*Please **initial** next to each statement below on the line provided to indicate compliance*

_____ I have provided proof that the STR is also my primary residence

_____ I have attached a copy of my Commercial General Liability Insurance

_____ I have attached a copy of my Certificate of Occupancy

_____ I have attached a copy of my On-Site Septic Operational Permit OR Certificate of Occupancy for public sewer

PART 3 APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

*Please **initial** next to each statement on the line provided*

_____ Overnight guests shall be limited to a maximum of 2 persons per bedroom, excluding their minor children. The maximum number of people permitted to be on any short-term rental site, including overnight guests and invited visitors at other times, shall not exceed 20 persons at any time during the entire rental period. For hosted short-term rentals, a different limit may be approved, on a case-by-case basis, if an adequate management plan for larger gatherings is submitted to the Planning and Land Use Department for review at least 30 days prior to the proposed rental and gathering. Please contact the Planning and Land Use Department for review of your request for an increased limit.

_____ Short-term rental is rented for less than 30 consecutive days in exchange for payment or charge.

_____ Adequate off-street parking is provided on-site at a minimum of one parking space for each bedroom or other place equipped for guests to sleep made available for rental.

_____ Maximum number of rented nights shall not exceed 240 per calendar year.

_____ Rental shall have no more than two rental contracts during any consecutive seven-day period and shall be limited to operating in one structure per property. The rented structure must have a Certificate of Occupancy form the Lancaster County Building Official verifying its use as a habitable structure.

_____ Operator shall maintain a registry showing the names and addresses of all transient visitors, all the dates rented and all of the short-term rental gross receipts. Said registry shall be retained for 4 years and must be made available, upon reasonable advance notice, to the Director of Planning and Land Use to verify that the short-term rental is being operated in accordance with the Lancaster County code.

_____ All short-term rental operators shall post in a prominent place within the rental unit a summary of applicable county ordinances (to be provided by the Planning and Land Use Department), a copy of the parking plan, trash and waste pickup schedules, if any, emergency telephone numbers and any additional rules for short-term rental tenants.

_____ The short-term rental operator, his or her employee, or an authorized independent contractor shall be able to respond, by phone or in person, to any law enforcement or local government official or guest within 60 minutes in order to address any issues.

_____ The short-term rental operator is primarily responsible for visitors' safety under this ordinance and may have additional safety requirements under state and federal law.

_____ One working smoke detector shall be installed and maintained for each bedroom as provided in conformance with the provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. Smoke detectors shall be inspected and tested at least quarterly to ensure they are in good working order.

_____ In short-term rentals equipped with propane, a working carbon monoxide (CO) detector shall be installed and maintained per the manufacturer's recommendations on each floor or level of the dwelling equipped for guests to sleep overnight.

_____ At least one (1) working fire extinguisher shall be provided and maintained per the manufacturer recommendations in the short-term rental. A fire extinguisher shall be located in or near the kitchen or any other area equipped for heating of food, and any other area which has any flame (including any wood-burning fireplace). At least quarterly, the short-term rental operator, his or her employee, or an authorized independent contractor shall inspect all fire extinguishers to ensure they are in good working order.

PART 4 APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

*Please **initial** next to each statement on the line provided*

_____ No commercial uses. Commercial uses are strictly prohibited, unless specifically authorized as a condition of approval of the Special Exception by the Board of Supervisors for unhosted short-term rentals or as authorized on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Planning and Land Use for hosted short-term rentals as outlined in Section 29-4-2 regarding larger gathering limits.

_____ No nuisances. No short-term rental operator or other person shall cause or allow a disturbance or nuisance that significantly affects the surrounding neighborhood.

_____ No disruptive parties or events. No short-term rental operator or other person shall allow, cause or participate in any disruptive party or any other disruptive event at any short-term rental or any property adjacent thereto.

_____ No inconsistent noise or activity. The noise and activity at a short-term rental shall be consistent with the typical level of noise and activity of the neighborhood in its vicinity.

_____ Quiet hours. Quiet hours at a short-term rental shall be from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily (9 a.m. on Sunday). During those hours, there shall be no loud talking, singing, barking animals, amplified sound or other disturbing noise audible at the property line of the short-term rental.

_____ No Trespass. It is expressly forbidden for guests or visitors at a short-term rental to trespass on the lands or property of another.

_____ Portable or temporary shelters. No tents, travel trailers, recreational vehicles or similar portable or temporary shelters, including trailered boats, may be used as a short-term rental.

_____ No "open invite" parties or events. No parties or events without a set list of guests are permitted. No parties or events advertised, on social media or otherwise, to the public or large groups of people are permitted.

PART 5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

The undersigned applicant is hereby applying to operate a hosted short-term rental, under the terms and conditions as established by *Part I, Article 29 – Short Term Rental Regulations, of the Lancaster County Zoning Ordinance*. I affirm that the statements made in this application are correct.

_____ Date: _____
Applicant's Signature and Title, if applicable

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Permit Application Number: _____ Zoning Category: _____ Voting District: _____

Received by: _____ Date Received: _____

Registry Fee Paid Yes No N/A, Exempt

Are the owners current on payment of their Transient Occupancy Tax? Yes No N/A, first time registry

Based on the on-site septic permit/certificate of occupancy for properties on public sewer, how many bedrooms are allowed? _____; how many guests are allowed, excluding their minor children? _____

Planning & Land Use Action: Approved Denied Date of Action: _____

Conditions: _____



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DEFINITIONS AND HELPFUL TIPS

PART 1 PROPERTY OFFERED FOR HOSTED SHORT-TERM RENTAL

"Short-Term Rental" (abbreviated "STR") means the provision of a room or space that is suitable or intended for occupancy for dwelling, sleeping, or lodging purposes, for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days, in exchange for a charge for the occupancy.

"Hosted Short-Term Rental" (abbreviated "Hosted STR") mean an owner-occupied dwelling (owner occupies the dwelling as his primary residence), where a portion is used for sleeping or lodging for transient renters, which is rented for less than 30 consecutive days in exchange for a charge. Operator must stay overnight on the premises during all rental periods. The maximum number of rented nights shall not exceed 240 per calendar year.

PROPERTY INFORMATION: Fill in all applicable tax map parcels that will be used as part of the rental, one of which must be the parcel the premises is located on. Additional parcels could include, for example: 1) adjacent, vacant parcels to be used for recreation as part of the rental (i.e. a beach access property owned by the applicant that is to be advertised as part of the rental offering), or 2) if the premises straddles a common property line of parcels owned by the applicant, both parcels should be listed. Parcel information can be looked up on the Lancaster County, Virginia Geographic Information System at <http://gis.lancova.com/>.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDROOMS & GUESTS: Overnight guests shall be limited to a maximum of two persons per bedroom, excluding their minor children. The maximum number of people permitted to be on any short-term rental site, including overnight guests and invited visitors at other times, shall not exceed 20 persons at any time during the entire rental period. The number of bedrooms shall be determined by the Virginia Department of Health Septic System Operational Permit or a Certificate of Occupancy for public sewer.

APPLICANT (PROPERTY OWNER): Fill in applicable information for the recorded, title owner of the real estate being offered for rental. Do not enter anyone that is a lessee, sublessee, licensee, or any other person or entity in possessory capacity. The applicant must be the recorded, title owner of the real estate to obtain approval to operate a hosted STR.

PART 2 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO APPLICATION

Proof that Hosted STR is my Primary Residence: Attached proof that your rental complies with the definition of a Hosted STR by providing proof that the property is your primary residence. Proof may include, but is not limited to, a copy of your: U.S. Postal Service address, voter registration card, federal and state tax returns, driver's license or car registration.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: All STRs shall maintain a Commercial General Liability Insurance, specifically endorsed for Short Term Rentals, for a minimum of \$500,000.00, from a firm licensed to provide insurance in Virginia. Attach a copy of the Certificate of Insurance to this application.

Certificate of Occupancy: All STRs must have a Certificate of Occupancy on file with the County verifying its use as a habitable structure. If you cannot locate your Certificate of Occupancy, you may contact the Lancaster County Building Office at 804.462.5480 and request a copy if available. If you do not have a certificate of occupancy, one can be obtained by contacting the Building Department, in writing at build@lancova.com and requesting a short-term rental inspection. **The fee is \$50.00.**

On-Site Septic System/Public Sewer: To support the number of bedrooms and guests you provided in Part 1, provide one of the following: the Virginia Department of Health Operational Permit for an on-site septic system or a Certificate of Occupancy for public sewer. You may request your septic permitting information from the Virginia Department of Health, utilizing the FOIA Request Portal at <https://vdh.nextrequest.com>, or by calling 804-462-9919 ext. 13. **Please reference the Three Rivers Health District and request your septic permit, sketch and operational permit.**

PART 3, PART 4 and PART 5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CERTIFICATION

OCCUPANCY LIMIT: Overnight guests shall be limited to a maximum of 2 persons per bedroom, excluding their minor children. The maximum number of people permitted to be on any short-term rental site, including overnight guests and invited visitors at other times, shall not exceed 20 persons at any time during the entire rental period.

A different limit may be approved administratively, on a case-by-case basis, by the Planning and Land Use Department, by providing a formal request at least 30 days prior to the proposed rental and gathering, with a general description of the type and manner of gathering you will be hosting, as well as providing an adequate management plan for said gathering.

If you request an increase in the occupancy limit, details in the management plan may include, but are not limited to, the following items: parking arrangements, solid waste collection & removal, noise, additional bathroom facilities (i.e. porta-john).

INITIALS & SIGNATURES: Please be sure to initial each statement as identified under Parts 3 and 4 and sign under Part 5. Any missing initials or signatures will render the application incomplete and no further action will be taken until the application is fully acknowledged and signed.

Should you need to obtain a copy of the full Short-Term Rental Regulations as provided by Part I, Article 29 of the Lancaster County Zoning Ordinance, as amended, a digital copy is available on the County's website at <http://www.lancova.com> or a hard copy may be obtained from the Planning & Land Use Department located at 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, VA 22503.