



Lake Township

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Dear Residents of Lake Township,

This letter is intended to clarify the Township's ordinances on short-term rentals, a topic which has recently been the subject of discussion at several Township meetings. For the purposes of this letter, "short-term rentals" refers to the practice of renting a home or bedroom for profit and on a short-term basis. An example of a short-term rental would be using a website such as Airbnb to rent out spare rooms or a home 29 days or less. This term does not include traditional rental uses like hotels or motels or resorts, or specialty uses like halfway houses or rehabilitation centers.

Under the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 9), ***short-term rentals are not permitted in any of the Township's residential zoning districts.*** This includes the R-1 Residential District, the RR-1 Residential District, the R-2 Residential District, the R-3 Residential District and the R-4 Residential District. Short-term rentals are not allowed in any of these districts as permitted uses, accessory uses, or special exception uses and are thus prohibited.

For more information on the types of uses allowed in the Township's residential zoning districts, you can view the Township Zoning Ordinance online at www.lake-township.com/ordinances. Sections 310, 315, 320, 330 and 340 contain the relevant regulations concerning the Township's residential Zoning District.

This letter is intended to serve as notice that the use of dwellings within the Township's residential zoning districts for short-term rentals is a violation of the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance and will be treated as such. While I have every hope that all Township residents will voluntarily comply with the Zoning Ordinance, please be advised that the Township will be investigating complaints related to short-term rentals and prosecuting violations accordingly, beginning October 1, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding short-term rentals, please feel free to contact me via telephone at (989) 422-2321, or via email at laketownshipsupervisor@gmail.com. You can also contact the Lake Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer at (989) 202-4736 or krose12400@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dave Emmons
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