



SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOST GUIDE

LET'S OPERATE YOUR SHORT-TERM RENTAL LAWFULLY

POST in a highly visible location inside your short-term rental:



Certificate of Registration

Short-Term Rental Certificate of Registration should be posted inside the front entrance of each short-term rental property



Emergency Contact

The name and telephone number of an emergency contact person or call center should be posted in each short-term rental property. The emergency contact person or call center should be:

- authorized to respond to emergency conditions within one hour after being notified by emergency responders or the director
- make decisions regarding the premises, its occupants
- shall take reasonable actions to resolve the emergency condition(s) to the extent as possible

Short-term rental owners, operators and occupants operating in the City of Houston are required by Ordinance 2025-322 and City Code, to comply with all conditions, regulations, requirements, and rules including, but not limited in:

- **Chapter 10, Buildings and Neighborhood Protection**
 - Building standards and cleanup after demo or removal of structures
 - Fire hazards, neighborhood nuisances, rat control, junk vehicle abatement (removing or disposing of)
- **Chapter 30, Noise and Sound level**
 - Noisy animals, birds, and vehicles
 - Amplified sounds from vehicles and equipment, permissible maximum sound levels, and permit requirements
- **Chapter 39, Solid Waste and Litter Control**
 - Disposal of garbage, junk, solid waste, trash, and tree and yard waste, storing, transporting and disposal of tires
 - Placement and storage of all trash neatly in designated trash containers, follow the trash collection schedule
- **Construction Code and Fire Code**
- **Minimum individual stay**
 - Short-term rental for a period of less than one day or night is prohibited
- **Payment of Hotel Occupancy Taxes (HOT)**
 - Operating a short-term rental property requires paying hotel occupancy taxes (HOT)
- **Advertising or promoting special events**
 - Advertising or promoting a special event or allowing and promoting of a special event such as a banquet, reception, bachelor or bachelorette party or similar events is prohibited
- **Public listings**
 - Listings or advertisement of a short-term rental shall include City's certificate of registration and maximum permitted occupancy limits