

TOWNSHIP OF ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH

# SHORT-TERM RENTAL

## PROPOSED LICENSING BY-LAW



## WHAT IT IS

A new licensing by-law proposed to regulate Short-Term Rental accommodations (like Airbnb, VRBO, etc.) in ACW.

## What is a Short-Term Rental?

"Short-Term Rental" refers to all or part of a legally established dwelling rented for less than 30 consecutive nights, through a rental agreement or similar transaction. It does not include owner-occupied short-term rental, hotels, motels, hospitals, campgrounds, or unpaid stays.



**FOR RENT**

## KEY PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS

- Mandatory licensing for Short-Term Rental operators
- Annual renewal and fee structure
- Maximum occupancy limits per rental
- Parking and waste management guidelines
- Emergency contact must be available 24/7
- Demerit point system for infractions

## MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- Improve community safety and accountability
- Protect residential character of neighbourhoods
- Ensure fair use of local infrastructure and services
- Support tourism while addressing nuisance concerns

## COMMITTEE BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

The Short-Term Rental Committee was formally appointed on September 3, 2024 to oversee a review of current regulations and comparable models in similar rural communities. It includes both Council and citizen representatives. Its mandate is to produce a well-researched recommendation to Council for a draft licensing by-law regulating short-term rentals in ACW.

## Your Feedback Matters!

Community input will help shape the final version of the by-law.

Commenting Closes Sept. 30/25



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