

Game On: Hosting Essentials

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Welcome & Introductions

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Agenda

- Local Regulations
- Best Practices, Tips, & Reminders for Responsible Hosting
- What's Next?

Know Your Local Regulations

- Check your local regulations and tax requirements
- Expect increased scrutiny around major events

Home-Sharing Ordinance

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles City Council adopted the [Home-Sharing Ordinance](#) on December 11, 2018 ([CF 14-1635-S2](#)). The ordinance established a legal process whereby residents may be authorized to rent their primary residence to short-term visitors, called “home-sharing.” The regulations became effective on July 1, 2019.

The Home-Sharing Ordinance requires hosts who wish to engage in short-term rentals to register with the City and post their registration number on all advertisements. Hosts must adhere to all requirements and use the [online portal](#) to register.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Short-term rentals in Boston need to register with the City of Boston.

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Boston's Short-Term Rental (STR) program allows the renting of residential units for less than twenty-eight (28) days for a fee. Residential units offered as short term rentals are only allowed in owner-occupied condominiums, single-family, two-family, and three-family buildings. For two-family and three-family buildings, the owner-occupant must own all the units.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Rent your property (short-term)

You can rent your home or a room in it for fewer than 30 days at a time. To do so, you need to meet certain requirements and limitations.

Who

Property owners and their agents can apply for the licenses and permits required to rent a property short term.

Requirements

Commercial Activity License

You need a [Commercial Activity License](#) to rent your home as a short-term rental.

Zoning Permit

You need a [Zoning Permit](#) to rent your property as a short-term rental to any one person or group:

- You need a [Zoning Permit](#) for limited lodging use if your property has a primary resident.
- You need a [Zoning Permit](#) for visitor accommodation use if your property does not have a primary resident.

Rental and property licenses

You need a license to rent your property as short-term rental.

- You need a [Limited Lodging Operator License](#) if you have a limited lodging use.
- You need a [Rental License](#) with a hotel designation if you have a visitor accommodation use.

Short-Term Rental (STR)

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First time registering your property for a Short-Term Rental?

[Click here for the STR Checklist.](#)



The City of Kansas City defines a short-term rental (STR) as the rental of property, a dwelling unit or a portion thereof for a period of less than 30 consecutive days, unless the rental meets the definition of “lodging” or “bed and breakfast.” Typically these properties are advertised on apps like Airbnb and VRBO.

Resources for Responsible Hosting

- Visit:
gameon2026.rentresponsibly.org
for local guides, house rules,
message templates and more!
- Find and connect with your local
alliance

The event is over, what's next?



Join & Participate in Advocacy Orgs

Speaking with one voice alongside other short-term rental operators makes a huge impact.



Contact Your Elected Officials

Sharing your perspective directly with local officials and their staff can help elected officials better understand the importance of protecting short-term rentals.



Attend Key Hearings

If you are able, attending key public hearings on this proposal goes a long way.

Vrbo will inform you of key hearings and support you as you prepare to deliver testimony.



Contact: governmentaffairs@vrbo.com