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Safe Neighborhood Association

A newsletter about issues important to you and your neighbors...

Orange County Rental Notice Ordinance

Orange County's Board of County Commissioners voted on July 26 to enact a Rental Notice Ordinance to protect tenants by requiring landlords to give a 60-day written notice for rent increases of more than 5%. The ordinance is effective throughout all of Orange County, including all 13 municipalities.

The ordinance also provides protections for residents and landlords who may not have a written lease agreement in place and pay rent on a quarterly or monthly basis. Either party can terminate these residential arrangements, by giving the other party no less than 60 days written notice.

Renters can file a complaint against a landlord or property owner who has raised the rent by more than 5% without giving the 60 days written notice by calling 3-1-1 (407-836-3111).

Code Compliance Corner: Short Term & Transient Rentals in Orange County Jordan A. Hodge, Lead Code Compliance Inspector

Being home to the number one tourist destination in the state, Orange County is no stranger to hosting throngs of visitors. Families, singles, young, old, foreign, and domestic, this Central Florida gem plays host to all who choose it for their great southern pilgrimage. Whether visiting for the weekend or planting the permanent vacation seed, a good night's sleep is top priority. While nothing compares to your bed at home, perhaps a *competitively priced* good night's sleep is a worthy contender. That's where [home-grown] short term and transient rentals come into play.

I'm sure you're all too familiar with the online giant, Airbnb. Airbnb has become synonymous with the service it provides. Short-term and transient rentals are now used interchangeably with Airbnb. You may be surprised to learn however, these types of rentals are strictly regulated and, in most cases, prohibited in Orange County. Allowing the nightly rental of (continued on next page)

Positive Change

The Safe Neighborhood continues to organize to become an effective voice for positive change. Please consider joining with your neighbors to lend a hand. Contact 321-663-9846 or delorisriggins@gmail.com for more information.

Important Orange County Numbers

Orange County
Customer Service
3-1-1

Sheriff's Non-Emergency 407-836-HELP (4357)

Sheriff's Emergency 9-1-1

Crime Line **407-423-TIPS (8477)**

Drug Enforcement **407-521-2400**

Parking Enforcement 407-836-0800

Seniors First **407-292-0177**

Housing, Food, Social Services **2-1-1**

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Code Compliance Corner: Short Term & Transient Rentals in Orange County (continued)

your home to that family of five from Michigan or listing your garden shed as "a premier vacation destination within walking distance of the attractions," is almost certainly illegal.

Before I continue, I'd be remiss if I didn't explain what short term and transient rental actually means, that is, how the terms are defined according to Chapter 38 of the County's municipal code. According to code, "Short term rental shall mean where the length of stay under the rental or lease arrangement is one hundred seventy-nine (179) days or less." and "Transient rental, single-family dwelling shall mean the renting or leasing of a single-family dwelling for a period of less than thirty (30) days." Now that we've established the legal jargon, what does that actually mean? Well, unless your property is zoned R-3, the conversation pretty much ends there. Your dreams of opening a mini-Hilton in your cul-de-sac are dashed.

Unless Orange County decides to ease restrictions and adopt more lenient zoning ordinances for short term and transient rentals, this will continue to be our reality. Perhaps now you're curious as to why Orange County has yet to approve these types of uses. Well, the hesitancy to do so hinges on the concern for residential neighborhoods. Short term rental properties have been known to cause increases in traffic, produce excessive noise, and attract littering.

If you suspect someone is using their property for unpermitted rentals, you are encouraged to call the County's non-emergency help and information line at 407-836-3111. It would be hepful to provide a link to an online listing for the property. Please understand that a link *alone* is not enough to warrant issuing a violation. Additional proof will be needed to corroborate that said activity is actively occurring at the property, a responsibility of the responding Code Compliance Inspector to obtain.





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