

Keweenaw County Short Term Rental Conditional Use Permit

Dwelling, Short-term Rental: Means a dwelling unit, or portion thereof, that is offered or provided to a guest by a short-term rental owner or operator for a fee for fewer than thirty (30) consecutive nights. They are commonly referred to as vacation rentals. They are a form of tourist or transient accommodations. Short-term rental units be whole house rentals, apartments, condominiums, or individual rooms in homes. For the purpose of administration and enforcement of this title, the terms “overnight rental,” “nightly rental,” and “vacation rental” are interchangeable with short-term rentals. Subleasing or subletting of units for short-term rental is prohibited if the underlying zone prohibits such use. (See 10.12.17 for Conditions)

10.12.17 Dwelling, Rental – Short Term: Short term rental dwellings are permitted as a Single Family Overnight Occupancy Conditional Use in the R, RR, CE, AG, RS-1 and RS-2 Districts when in conformance with the following requirements:

- A. The minimum lot size and yard requirements shall conform with district requirements in Article V.
- B. Adequate off-street parking spaces shall be provided which are appropriate to the neighborhood and the occupancy of the home.
- C. The applicant shall abide by all Federal, State and Local Health and Safety regulations as pertains to a Short Term Transient Rental Property.
- D. No receptions, private parties or activities shall be permitted except for those which involve only registered guests.
- E. Retail sales are not permitted.
- F. Meals shall not be served to the public at large.
- G. The outdoor storage of trash or rubbish shall be screened per the requirements of Section 15.5.3.
- H. Signage shall conform to the requirements of Article XVI.

15.5.3 Outdoor Storage of Trash or Rubbish: All areas used for the storage of trash or rubbish in dumpsters and other commercial containers shall be screened by a solid fence, wall or dense plant materials no less than six (6) feet in height to keep from the view of pedestrians on abutting streets and parcels. If a fence is used, view obstructing doors at least six (6) feet in height shall be installed and kept closed except when accessing.

Article XVI- Signs review at www.keweenawcountyonline.org for ordinance information and information on permitting if using signs to identify your Short Term Rental.