

CHAPTER 14.25 SHORT-TERM RENTAL LAND USE REGULATIONS

14.25.005 Purpose

This chapter establishes criteria by which short-term rental uses may be permitted in order to ensure the safety and convenience of renters, owners, and neighboring property owners; protect the character of residential neighborhoods; protect the City's supply of needed housing; and address potential negative effects such as excessive noise, overcrowding, illegal parking, and nuisances (e.g. accumulation of refuse, light pollution, etc.).

It is the intent of these regulations to strike a reasonable balance between the need to limit short-term rental options within neighborhoods to ensure compatibility, while also recognizing the benefits of short-term rentals in providing recreation and employment opportunities, as well as transitional housing for tourists, employees of businesses, and others who are in need of housing for a limited duration.

(Staff note: the following definitions will be added to, or will update terms defined in Chapter 14.01. They are included here for reference.)

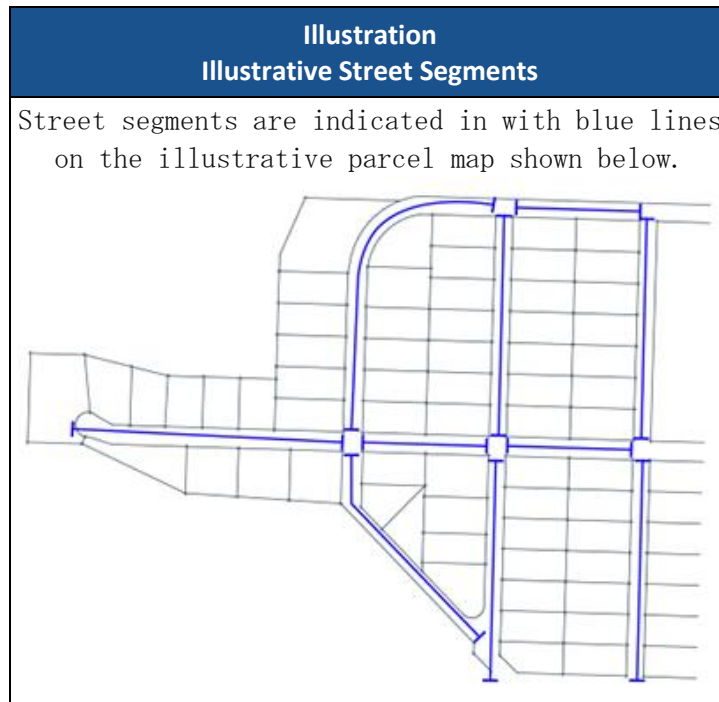
14.01.010 Definitions

The following definitions apply in this chapter.

- A. Authorized Agent. A property management company or other entity or person who has been designated by the owner to act on their behalf. An authorized agent may or may not be the designated point of contact for complaints.
- B. Bed and Breakfast Facility. A short-term rental where the operator resides on the premises and meals are provided for a fee.
- C. Bedroom. A habitable room that (a) is intended to be used primarily for sleeping purposes; (b) contains at least 70-square feet; and (c) is configured so as to take the need for a fire exit into account.
- D. Dwelling Unit. A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.
- E. Home share. A short-term rental, other than a Bed and Breakfast Facility, where a portion of a dwelling unit is rented

while the homeowner is present. For the purposes of this definition, “present” means the homeowner is staying in the dwelling overnight for the duration of the rental.

- F. Owner. Means the natural person(s) or legal entity that owns and holds legal or equitable title to the property.
- G. Short-Term Rental. A dwelling unit, or portion thereof, that is rented to any person for a period of less than thirty (30) consecutive nights.
- H. Street Segment. A portion of a local or collector street which is located between two intersections, or between an intersection and the end of a cul-de-sac or dead-end. *See Illustration: Illustrative Street Segments, below.*



- I. Sale or Transfer. Means any change of ownership during the period of time that a license is valid, whether or not there is consideration, except a change in ownership where title is held not as tenants in common but with the right of survivorship (e.g., survivorship estates recognized in ORS 93.180, such as with a spouse or domestic partner, or transfers on the owner’s death to a trust which benefits only a spouse or domestic partner for the lifetime of the spouse or domestic partner).

Exceptions:

1. A license holder may transfer ownership of the real property to a trustee, a limited liability company, a corporation, a partnership, a limited partnership, a limited liability partnership, or other similar entity and not be subject to license termination so long as the transferor lives and remains the only owner of the entity. Upon the transferor's death or the sale or transfer of his or her interest in the entity to another person, the license held by the transferor shall terminate.

J. Vacation Rental. A short term rental where the entire dwelling unit is rented.

14.25.010 Approval Authority

A. Upon receipt of a request by an owner or authorized agent to complete a land use compatibility statement for a short-term rental the Community Development Director, or designee, shall determine if the request satisfies the standards of section 14.25.030. If the request satisfies the standards, then the Director shall sign the statement confirming that short-term rental is a permitted use. Such action is ministerial and, as a non-discretionary act, is not subject to appeal.

B. In the event that the Community Development Director or designee, determines that an application does not meet one or more of the standards of section 14.25.030, then the land use compatibility statement shall not be signed.

C. If one or more of the standards under section 14.25.030 cannot be met, an owner may seek relief from those standards through a conditional use permitting process, pursuant to section 14.34.010. Such an application is subject to review by the Planning Commission via a Type III decision making process, consistent with section 14.52.010, and is to be limited in scope to those standards that cannot be satisfied.

D. A Conditional Use Permit may authorize more than one vacation rental use on street segments in R-1 and R-2 zones where ten or more lots front the street. In such cases, no more than one vacation rental may be permitted for every five lots fronting the street.

E. An approved Conditional Use Permit that grants relief from, or provides alternative requirements to, one or more of the

standards of section 14.25.030 shall serve as evidence that standards have been satisfied so that the Director can sign the land use compatibility statement.

14.25.015 Submittal Requirements

Land use compatibility statements shall be submitted on a form provided by the Community Development Department, and shall include the following:

- A. Site plan, drawn to scale, showing the dimensions, property lines, existing buildings, landscaped area, and off-street parking locations.
- B. Floorplan of the dwelling unit that identifies the rooms dedicated to short-term rental use.
- C. If the dwelling unit is within a residential zone, a calculation of the percentage of front yard and total lot area maintained in landscaping.
- D. If the dwelling unit relies upon shared parking areas, a copy of a covenant or other binding legal instrument detailing unit owner rights and responsibilities related to the parking areas.

14.25.020 Allowed Locations

- A. Short-term rental use of a dwelling unit is permitted in all residential and commercial zone districts.

14.25.025 Approval Standards

- A. Density. The total number of vacation rentals shall be capped at level not to exceed five (5) percent of the dwelling units within the city. A specific cap number shall be established by City Council resolution.
- B. Spacing. In the R-1 and R-2 zones, not more than one vacation rental shall be located on a parcel or lot that abuts a street segment. For corner lots, this standard applies to both street segments that abut that corner lot and only one vacation rental is permitted on the corner lots that abut the intersection.
- C. Occupancy. Maximum occupancy for a short-term rental shall be two (2) persons per bedroom, plus two additional persons per property.

- D. Guestroom Limitations. The following limitations apply to the number of bedrooms within a dwelling unit that may be occupied by guests staying at a short-term rental.
1. Vacation Rentals and Bed and Breakfast Facilities. A maximum of five (5) bedrooms.
 2. Home shares. A maximum of two (2) bedrooms.
- E. Parking Standards. One (1) off-street parking space per bedroom that is dedicated to short-term rental use, unless the dwelling unit is within a parking district as defined in section 14.14.100, in which case on-street parking may be used to meet the one (1) space per bedroom requirement provided the parking is allocated in accordance with the requirements of the parking district. Parking spaces shall comply with the dimensional standards of subsection 14.14.090(A). Off-street parking on driveways that extend into underdeveloped rights-of-way may be used to satisfy this requirement provided a stipulation is placed on the endorsement that the authorization may be revoked if the street is improved and driveway shortened.
- F. Shared Access. Short-term rentals that rely upon use of shared access and parking areas may only be permitted if a covenant or other binding legal instrument establishes that the owner of the unit maintains exclusive use of the required parking space(s).
- G. Landscaping. For short-term rentals situated on individual lots or parcels in residential zones, at least 50% of the front yard and 40% of the total area shall be landscaped. No more than 50% of the front yard landscaping may be impervious surfaces, such as patios and decks. Driveway and parking areas shall not satisfy any portion of these landscaping requirements.

14.25.030 Non-Conforming Short-Term Rentals

- A. The non-conforming use provisions of NMC Chapter 14.32 shall apply to all short-term rentals licensed prior to the effective date of this ordinance, except:
1. Vacation rentals that do not satisfy the spacing requirement of subsection 14.25.025(B). In such cases, the vacation rental with the oldest endorsement date shall be acknowledged as satisfying the spacing requirement. Other vacation rentals on that same street segment may continue to operate for a period of five (5) years, after

which vacation rental use of the units shall cease if the spacing requirement cannot be satisfied.

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