

SHORT-TERM RENTAL NOTICE

May 30, 2019

This notice provides clarity respecting *current* short-term rentals regulation within the District of Squamish.

While the District of Squamish is currently reviewing short-term rental regulation options with the community, **current regulations still stand** until such time as new regulations are adopted.

What is a Short-Term Rental? *The use of a dwelling unit, or any portion of it, as a rental unit for a period of less than 30 days and includes vacation rentals and bed and breakfasts - District of Squamish Zoning Bylaw (Bylaw 2200, 2011)*

Are Short Term Rentals Permitted in Squamish? *No. The District does not currently permit short-term rentals in residential dwellings (single family, duplex, townhouse, or apartment units) or accessory dwellings (secondary suites or coach houses).*

The exception to this is a Bed and Breakfast use, which is permitted in some residential zones within a single family dwelling, where a business licence is issued from the District of Squamish. A Bed and Breakfast is defined as a dwelling used for temporary lodging of paying guests, limited to two bedrooms plus common areas which include a dining room.

Some Strata Corporations in Squamish may additionally limit or prohibit short-term rentals through their strata bylaws and may impose fines for non-compliance pursuant to the *Strata Property Act*. Strata owners can find more information on the Province of BC strata housing [website](#).

Tourist Accommodation in Commercial Zones (C-1, C-3, C-4, C-9)

Tourist accommodation for temporary lodging by visitors in the form of Hotels, Hostels, and Motels is permitted in some commercial zones.

Where a lot/building is developed with mixed commercial and residential uses (allowed in the Downtown Commercial, C-4 Zone) **Short-term rentals are not permitted in residential apartment dwellings in mixed-use buildings in commercial zones.**

SHORT-TERM RENTAL REVIEW



The District of Squamish is currently reviewing short-term rental regulation options with the community. Currently nearing the completion of Phase 2 of the review, the District will be reviewing public input collected on alternative options and determining a preferred option for short-term rental regulation in 2019.

For more information and to participate in the review process, please check out the project webpage:

www.squamish.ca/short-term-rentals

Questions respecting short-term rental regulations and the short-term rental review can be directed to the Planning Department staff contact:

Aja Philp, Planner
aphilp@squamish.ca
604-815-4966