

1 **..Title**

2 **Rental Unit and Short-Term Residential Rental Licenses** – For the purpose of mitigating
3 significant dislocation of neighborly residential blocks; supporting the City’s experience, visitor
4 and tourist-based local economy by leveraging the sharing economy; ensuring applicable tax
5 collection and remittances; encouraging fair competition; updating and amending the regulation
6 of residential rental properties generally; creating operating license requirements governing the
7 short-term rental of residential dwellings and dwelling units above nonresidential uses; defining
8 certain terms; allowing a delayed effective date for current licensees; and matters generally relating
9 thereto.

10 **..Body**

11 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
12 **City of Annapolis**

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14 **Ordinance 26-19 Adopted as Amended on Second Reading 11/18/19**

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16 **Introduced by: Alderman Arnett and Alderwoman Finlayson**

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18 **Referred to**
19 **Economic Matters Committee**
20 **Finance Committee**
21 **Public Safety Committee**
22 **Rules and City Government Committee**

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24 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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26 **Rental Unit and Short-Term Residential Rental Licenses**

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28 **FOR** the purpose of mitigating significant dislocation of neighborly residential blocks;
29 supporting the City’s experience, visitor and tourist-based local economy by leveraging the
30 sharing economy; ensuring applicable tax collection and remittances; encouraging fair
31 competition; updating and amending the regulation of residential rental properties
32 generally; creating operating license requirements governing the short-term rental of
33 residential dwellings and dwelling units above nonresidential uses; defining certain terms;
34 allowing a delayed effective date for current licensees and matters generally relating
35 thereto.

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37 **BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portion of the Code of the City
38 of Annapolis, 2019 Edition:
39 Chapter 17.44

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41 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
42 **COUNCIL** that Chapter 17.44 of the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be repealed in its entirety
43 and amended to read as follows:

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45 **TITLE 17 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION**
46 **Chapter 17.44 – Rental Unit Licenses**

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2 **17.44.010 – LICENSE REQUIRED.**

3
4 A. A CURRENT RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE APPROVED AND ISSUED BY THE
5 DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED BEFORE A PERSON SHALL RENT FOR OCCUPANCY
6 OR USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PREMISES, AS THESE TYPES ARE
7 DEFINED IN CHAPTER 21.72 OF THE CODE:

8
9 1. DWELLINGS, INCLUDING:

- 10 A. SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED AND DETACHED DWELLINGS;
11 B. MULTIPLE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS;
12 C. MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS; AND
13 D. DWELLINGS ABOVE THE GROUND FLOOR OF COMMERCIAL AND
14 MARITIME USES;
15 2. DWELLING UNITS, INCLUDING EFFICIENCY UNITS;
16 3. BED AND BREAKFAST HOMES; AND
17 4. HOTELS, MOTELS AND INNS.

18
19 B. A PERSON WHO RENTS OR CONTINUES TO RENT FOR OCCUPANCY OR USE ANY
20 UNLICENSED PREMISES IS GUILTY OF A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION AND SUBJECT
21 TO A FINE AS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. SUCH FINE
22 SHALL BE ASSESSED ON A PER UNIT PER DAY BASIS, AFTER AN INITIAL
23 FIFTEEN CALENDAR DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD TO THE OWNER, UNTIL A
24 RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE HAS BEEN OBTAINED, REISSUED OR
25 REVALIDATED.

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27 **17.44.020 - POSTING OF UNLICENSED PREMISES.**

28
29 A. UPON THE RENTING FOR OCCUPANCY OR USE OF AN UNLICENSED PREMISES,
30 OR UPON THE SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, DENIAL, OR EXPIRATION OF A
31 RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE FOR A PREMISES, THE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE
32 THE AUTHORITY TO CAUSE NOTICES TO BE POSTED ON THE PREMISES WHICH
33 SHALL STATE AS FOLLOWS:

34
35 OCCUPANCY OF THIS PREMISES IS UNLAWFUL UNTIL A RENTAL OPERATING
36 LICENSE HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND IS DISPLAYED ON THE PREMISES.

37
38 B. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE TO MAINTAIN THE NOTICES
39 POSTED ON THE PREMISES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A UNTIL A RENTAL
40 OPERATING LICENSE HAS BEEN OBTAINED, REISSUED OR REVALIDATED. ANY
41 FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE NOTICE SHALL SUBJECT THE OWNER TO A FINE AS
42 ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

43
44 **17.44.030 – RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE TYPES.**

45
46 A. PROVIDED THAT THE PREMISES MEETS ALL OF THE APPLICABLE
47 REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 17.40 AND THIS CHAPTER, THE

1 DIRECTOR MAY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF RENTAL OPERATING
2 LICENSES.

3
4 1. A STANDARD RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE MAY BE APPLIED FOR AND
5 ISSUED FOR ANY PREMISES, EXCEPT FOR BED AND BREAKFAST HOMES,
6 HOTELS, MOTELS, AND INNS, RENTED FOR OCCUPANCY OR USE PURSUANT
7 TO AN AGREEMENT, WRITTEN OR ORAL, WHERE THE PREMISES IS RENTED
8 FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS.

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10 2. A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE MAY BE APPLIED FOR AND
11 ISSUED FOR ANY PREMISES, EXCEPT FOR BED AND BREAKFAST HOMES,
12 HOTELS, MOTELS, AND INNS, RENTED FOR OCCUPANCY OR USE PURSUANT
13 TO AN AGREEMENT, WRITTEN OR ORAL. THE NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT
14 OCCUPANTS IS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN CHAPTER 17.40.
15 A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR
16 PREMISES RENTED EXCLUSIVELY ON ONLY THOSE DAYS EACH YEAR
17 COINCIDING WITH ANNUAL UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
18 GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND WITH ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
19 SPRING AND FALL SAILBOAT AND POWERBOAT SHOWS HELD IN THE CITY
20 OF ANNAPOLIS; OR WITH ANY OTHER EVENT AS SPECIFIED BY RESOLUTION
21 OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

22
23 3. A BED AND BREAKFAST RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE MAY BE APPLIED FOR
24 AND ISSUED FOR THOSE PREMISES OPERATING AS A BED AND BREAKFAST
25 HOME. A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL NOT BE
26 REQUIRED FOR A BED AND BREAKFAST HOME, IRRESPECTIVE OF
27 ADVERTISEMENT THROUGH INTERNET-BASED HOSTING PLATFORMS THAT
28 FACILITATE SHORT-TERM GUEST RESERVATIONS.

29
30 4. A HOTEL, MOTEL AND INN RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE MAY BE APPLIED
31 FOR AND ISSUED FOR THOSE PREMISES OPERATING AS A HOTEL, MOTEL OR
32 INN. A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL NOT BE
33 REQUIRED FOR A HOTEL, MOTEL OR INN, IRRESPECTIVE OF
34 ADVERTISEMENT THROUGH INTERNET-BASED HOSTING PLATFORMS THAT
35 FACILITATE SHORT-TERM GUEST RESERVATIONS.

36
37 B. A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE FEE FOR EACH TYPE OF RENTAL OPERATING
38 LICENSE SHALL BE AS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
39 ANNUALLY, WHICH SHALL BE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE OF ISSUANCE OR
40 RENEWAL OF ANY RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE.

41
42 **17.44.040 - APPLICATION.**

43
44 A. UPON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE
45 DIRECTOR MAY ISSUE A NEW RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE OR RENEW AN
46 EXISTING RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE, IN THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT. NO

1 RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED OR RENEWED BY THE
2 DIRECTOR UNLESS THE PREMISES FOR WHICH THE RENTAL OPERATING
3 LICENSE IS SOUGHT IS FOUND, AFTER INSPECTION AND DEPARTMENT REVIEW,
4 TO MEET ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 17.40 AND THIS
5 CHAPTER.

6
7 B. ALL RENTAL OPERATING LICENSES SHALL BE ISSUED OR RENEWED ON AN
8 ANNUAL BASIS, EXCEPT THAT A MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING CONSISTING OF
9 FIFTY OR MORE UNITS THAT EMPLOYS A FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE STAFF OF
10 THREE OR MORE EMPLOYEES ON-SITE MAY HAVE ITS RENTAL OPERATING
11 LICENSE INITIALLY ISSUED OR RENEWED FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD UNLESS
12 THE DIRECTOR, WITH CAUSE, REQUIRES AN ANNUAL RENTAL OPERATING
13 LICENSE.

14
15 C. NO RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED OR RENEWED BY THE
16 DIRECTOR UNLESS THE APPLICANT HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION ON A
17 FORM PROVIDED BY THE DIRECTOR. SUCH FORM SHALL REQUIRE, AT A
18 MINIMUM, THE ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE
19 ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT'S LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER, THE
20 APPLICANT'S TRACKING NUMBER WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF
21 THE ENVIRONMENT LEAD RENTAL REGISTRY, IF APPLICABLE TO THE
22 PREMISES; A MARYLAND SALES AND USE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER WITH THE
23 COMPTROLLER OF MARYLAND; AND THE APPLICANT'S HOTEL OCCUPANCY
24 TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER WITH ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, IF THE COLLECTION
25 AND REMITTANCE OF THE TAX IS APPLICABLE AND REQUIRED BY THE ANNE
26 ARUNDEL COUNTY CODE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEVELOP THE FORM AND
27 MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

28
29 D. ANY APPLICATION TO RENEW A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE FOR WHICH AN
30 APPLICATION IS NOT RECEIVED AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE
31 EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO
32 AN ADDITIONAL FEE AS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
33 COUNCIL."

34
35 E. NO RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED OR RENEWED UNTIL THE
36 APPLICATION FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.

37
38 F. FRAUD, MISREPRESENTATION, FALSE STATEMENT OR MATERIAL
39 INACCURACIES ON AN APPLICATION FOR A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE
40 SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR NON-RENEWAL OF AN APPLICATION.

41
42 **17.44.050 - INSPECTION**

43
44 NO RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED OR RENEWED UNLESS THE
45 APPLICANT AGREES TO AN INSPECTION OF THE PREMISES AS REQUIRED BY THE

1 DIRECTOR, AND THAT INSPECTION FINDS THAT THE PREMISES IS IN COMPLIANCE
2 WITH ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 17.40 AND THIS CHAPTER.

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4 **17.44.060 -- COMPLAINTS, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.**

5
6 A. FRAUD, MISREPRESENTATION, FALSE STATEMENT OR A MATERIAL
7 INACCURACY IN AN APPLICATION FOR A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE
8 DISCOVERED AFTER ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR
9 IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF THE RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE BY THE
10 DIRECTOR.

11
12 B. IF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAKES THREE OR MORE DOCUMENTED CALLS
13 FOR SERVICE IN A THIRTY DAY PERIOD TO A PREMISES IN RESPONSE TO A
14 COMPLAINT OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT AS DEFINED BY SECTION 11.12.010 OR
15 DISTURBING THE PEACE AS DEFINED BY SECTION 11.12.020, OR IF A PREMISES
16 OR THE LICENSEE OF A PREMISES VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF CHAPTER 17.40
17 OR 17.44, THE DIRECTOR MAY ORDER THE LICENSEE, BY WRITTEN NOTICE
18 SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE LICENSEE'S ADDRESS OF RECORD, TO SHOW
19 CAUSE BEFORE THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF
20 SAID NOTICE WHY THE APPLICABLE RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE FOR THE
21 PREMISES SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED. IF THE LICENSEE SHALL FAIL TO SHOW
22 CAUSE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD WITHIN THE STIPULATED TIME,
23 THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER SUSPENDING THE RENTAL OPERATING
24 LICENSE AND STATING THE VIOLATIONS IN NEED OF CORRECTION. IF THE
25 VIOLATIONS CAUSING THE SUSPENSION ARE CORRECTED TO THE
26 SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE BOARD'S
27 ORDER OF SUSPENSION, THE SUSPENSION IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
28 SHALL BE VACATED BY THE DIRECTOR.

29
30 C. A SUSPENSION IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION SHALL
31 EXPIRE AND, IN ITS PLACE, THE RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE
32 REVOKED THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE ORDER OF SUSPENSION UNLESS, DURING
33 THAT THIRTY DAY PERIOD, THE VIOLATIONS CAUSING THE SUSPENSION HAVE
34 BEEN CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR. THE DIRECTOR
35 SHALL SEND TO THE LICENSEE WRITTEN NOTICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL OF ANY
36 SUCH REVOCATION. THE NOTICE SHALL INFORM THE LICENSEE OF THE RIGHT
37 TO APPEAL THE REVOCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 17.44.100 AND SHALL SET
38 FORTH THE GROUNDS FOR THE REVOCATION.

39
40 D. A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE REVOKED PURSUANT TO EITHER SUBSECTION
41 A OR C OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE REVALIDATED OR RENEWED.
42 HOWEVER, NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL PRECLUDE A PERSON FROM
43 FILING AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE FOR SUCH
44 PREMISES PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

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1 E. THE DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR, SHALL
2 ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT
3 UNDER THIS SECTION OR A RECOMMENDATION BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO
4 TAKE ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE
5 SHALL OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION AS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER
6 TO PROCEED UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

7
8 F. IF ANY PERSONS, OTHER THAN THE LICENSEE, ARE OCCUPYING THE PREMISES
9 AT THE TIME OF A SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A RENTAL OPERATING
10 LICENSE, THE DIRECTOR SHALL POST A NOTICE ON THE FRONT DOOR OF THE
11 PREMISES INDICATING THAT ALL PERSONS, OTHER THAN THE LICENSEE MUST
12 VACATE AS OF THE DATE OF THE POSTING OF THE NOTICE. AT ANY TIME
13 AFTER THE POSTING OF THE NOTICE, THE LICENSEE OR LOCAL PROPERTY
14 MANAGER SHALL PERMIT AN INSPECTION OF THE PREMISES BY THE
15 DEPARTMENT TO VERIFY THE PREMISES HAS BEEN VACATED.

16
17 G. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MUNICIPAL
18 INFRACTION AND SUBJECT TO A FINE SET BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
19 COUNCIL.

20
21 **17.44.070 - LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION; REVALIDATION,**
22 **REINSPECTION AND REISSUANCE PROCEDURE.**

23
24 A. REISSUANCE OF A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE THAT HAS BEEN REVOKED OR
25 DENIED UPON APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PAYMENT
26 OF THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE FEE
27 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 17.44.040. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR, THE
28 RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE MAY BE REISSUED ON A SIX-MONTH BASIS,
29 INSTEAD OF AN ANNUAL BASIS, WITH FEES PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
30 SECTION. AT THE END OF THOSE SIX MONTHS, THE PREMISES MAY BE PLACED
31 ON A REGULAR ANNUAL LICENSING SCHEDULE ONLY IF DEPARTMENT
32 INSPECTION CONFIRMS THAT THE PREMISES IS BEING MAINTAINED IN
33 ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 17.40 AND THIS CHAPTER. PAYMENT OF THE
34 APPLICATION FEE SHALL BE DUE PRIOR TO SUCH PLACEMENT. IF THE
35 PREMISES FAILS ANY INSPECTION DURING SUCH SIX MONTHS, THE RENTAL
36 OPERATING LICENSE MAY EXPIRE OR BE RE-ISSUED ON ANOTHER SIX-MONTH
37 BASIS IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR.

38
39 B. THE FEE FOR SIX-MONTH LICENSES ISSUED AS A RESULT OF ACTIONS TAKEN
40 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17.44.070(A) SHALL BE THE SAME AS THE
41 FEE FOR AN ANNUAL RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE AND SHALL DOUBLE,
42 PROGRESSIVELY, FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT PERIOD THAT THE PROJECT IS BEING
43 LICENSED AND INSPECTED ON A SIX MONTH BASIS.
44

1 C. A FEE AS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MUST BE PAID
2 BEFORE ANOTHER INSPECTION IS MADE IF, FOR THE ORIGINAL INSPECTION,
3 ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURRED:

- 4
5 1. THE REQUESTING PERSON CALLED OR WAS SCHEDULED FOR INSPECTION,
6 BUT WORK WAS NOT READY OR VIOLATIONS WERE NOT ABATED;
7 2. THE REQUESTING PERSON, EITHER LICENSEE, LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER
8 OR TENANT, WAS NOT ON SITE;
9 3. THE PREMISES OR DWELLING UNIT WAS LOCKED.

10
11 D. A SUSPENDED LICENSE MAY ONLY BE REVALIDATED UPON MEETING THE
12 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER AND PAYMENT OF AN AMOUNT
13 EQUIVALENT TO FIFTY PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL RENTAL OPERATING
14 LICENSE FEE.

15
16 **17.44.080 - REVOCATION, VACATING PREMISES AND CONDEMNATION**
17 **PENALTIES.**

18
19 IN ADDITION TO THE PROCEDURE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 17.44.020, AND UPON
20 ISSUING A REVOCATION ORDER OR CONDEMNATION DESIGNATION, THE
21 DIRECTOR MAY ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

22
23 A. THAT THE LICENSEE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED BY
24 THE AFFECTED TENANTS IN SECURING ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE HOUSING
25 WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF EITHER THE CITY OR ANNE ARUNDEL
26 COUNTY;

27
28 B. A PERSON WHO FAILS TO VACATE OR CAUSE TO VACATE THE PREMISES AFTER
29 DUE NOTICE BY THE DIRECTOR IS GUILTY OF A MUNICIPAL INFRACTION AND
30 SUBJECT TO A FINE AS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL;

31
32 C. THAT THE LICENSEE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AS ESTABLISHED IN
33 SECTION 17.40.890;

34
35 D. THAT IN THE EVENT VIOLATIONS REMAIN UNCORRECTED FOR THIRTY DAYS
36 AND THAT THE LICENSEE OR THE LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER FAILS TO
37 COMPLY WITH THE LAWFUL ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR TO MAKE SAFE AND
38 HEALTHY AN UNSAFE AND UNHEALTHY STRUCTURE, TO CORRECT A
39 DANGEROUS CONDITION OR TO ELIMINATE AN INFESTATION OF RODENTS,
40 VERMIN OR INSECTS, THE DIRECTOR MAY PROCEED WHEN, IN HIS OR HER
41 OPINION, EMERGENCY ACTION IS REQUIRED TO ABATE UNSAFE CONDITIONS
42 OR INFESTATIONS BY WHATEVER MEANS THE DIRECTOR DEEMS
43 APPROPRIATE. THE MEANS MAY INCLUDE BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO
44 DEMOLITION, SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION, OR PEST EXTERMINATION.
45 THE DIRECTOR MAY USE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES REQUIRED AND
46 AVAILABLE. ALL COSTS INCURRED FOR THE EMERGENCY ACTION SHALL BE

1 RECOVERED FROM THE LICENSEE BY WHATEVER APPROPRIATE ACTION IS
2 NECESSARY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CERTIFICATION OF A LIEN ON
3 THE PROPERTY AND COLLECTIBLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS DELINQUENT
4 TAXES.

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6 **17.44.090 - SHORT-TERM RENTALS.**

7
8 A. A LICENSEE MAY NOT HOLD MORE THAN ONE SHORT-TERM RENTAL
9 OPERATING LICENSE. A LICENSEE MUST EITHER RESIDE IN THE CITY OR
10 EMPLOY A LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER REGISTERED WITH THE CITY ON THE
11 APPLICATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 17.44.040 AND AVAILABLE BY
12 TELEPHONE AT ALL TIMES IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, SAFETY, PUBLIC
13 HEALTH, OR POLICE CONCERN. A LICENSEE MUST PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR
14 WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY CHANGE TO THE NAME OR ADDRESS OF ITS
15 LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER NO MORE THAN FIVE CALENDAR DAYS AFTER
16 ANY SUCH CHANGE

17
18 B. A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE DOES NOT TRANSFER ON THE
19 SALE OR ANY OTHER OWNERSHIP TRANSFER OF A PREMISES OR DWELLING
20 UNIT.

21
22 C. NO SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED OR
23 RENEWED UNLESS THE LICENSEE OF THE PREMISES IS REGISTERED WITH THE
24 STATE COMPTROLLER FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE STATE'S SALES AND USE
25 TAX. A LICENSEE OF THE PREMISES, IF APPLICABLE, SHALL BE REGISTERED
26 WITH ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FOR THE REMITTANCE OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY
27 TAXES IF COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE IS REQUIRED BY THE ANNE
28 ARUNDEL COUNTY CODE.

29
30 D. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 17.44.050, NO SHORT-TERM RENTAL
31 OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED OR RENEWED WITHOUT A
32 DEPARTMENT INSPECTION OF ALL ROOMS AND DWELLING UNITS IN THE
33 PREMISES WITHOUT REGARD TO WHICH ROOMS COMPRISE PART OF THE
34 DWELLING UNIT OR PREMISES BEING RENTED, AND WITHOUT A
35 DETERMINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMISES' FULL COMPLIANCE
36 WITH CHAPTER 17.40 AND THIS CHAPTER.

37
38 E. NO SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE APPROVED OR
39 ISSUED UNLESS IT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF ANY APPLICABLE
40 CONDOMINIUM, HOMEOWNERS, COMMUNITY OR OTHER SIMILAR
41 ASSOCIATION HAVING AUTHORITY OVER THE USE OF THE PREMISES, AND IF
42 CONSENT IS REQUIRED BY SUCH RULES, IT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE
43 DIRECTOR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THE BYLAWS OF SUCH
44 ASSOCIATION. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE RULES OF ANY APPLICABLE
45 ASSOCIATION SHALL BE A BASIS FOR REVOCATION OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL
46 OPERATING LICENSE.

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2 F. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 17.40 AND THIS CHAPTER,
3 THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO ANY RENTAL OF A PREMISES PURSUANT TO A
4 SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE:

5
6 1. NO LICENSEE SHALL RENT A DWELLING UNIT OR THE ENTIRE PREMISES
7 PURSUANT TO A SHORT-TERM OPERATING LICENSE:

8
9 A. WITHOUT THERE BEING AT LEAST ONE OCCUPANT OVER THE ENTIRE
10 RENTAL TERM THAT IS OVER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS;

11 B. FOR GREATER THAN 90 DAYS TO ANY SINGLE TENANT; AND

12 C. WITHOUT PUBLISHING IN A CONSPICUOUS MANNER THE SHORT-
13 TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE NUMBER IN ALL WRITTEN AND
14 ELECTRONIC ADVERTISING AND LISTING OF THE AVAILABILITY OF
15 THE DWELLING UNIT OR PREMISES FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL,
16 INCLUDING ON INTERNET-BASED HOSTING PLATFORMS THAT
17 FACILITATE SHORT-TERM GUEST RESERVATIONS.

18
19 2. THE LICENSEE RENTING A DWELLING UNIT OR PREMISES PURSUANT TO A
20 SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS
21 INDICATING THE NAMES ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS OF ALL
22 TENANTS DURING THE TERM OF THE LICENSE, WHICH SHALL BE MADE
23 AVAILABLE TO THE DIRECTOR UPON REQUEST.

24
25 G. THE LICENSEE RENTING A DWELLING UNIT OR THE ENTIRE PREMISES
26 PURSUANT TO A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL ENSURE
27 THAT THE ENTIRE PREMISES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY LICENSED
28 DWELLING UNIT, IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND CODES
29 OF THE CITY AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUILDING,
30 RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING CODES, AND
31 APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING SMOKE
32 DETECTORS, CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND LEAD-BASED PAINT. NO
33 SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE
34 PREMISES IS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND CODES.

35
36 H. A LICENSEE RENTING A DWELLING UNIT OR THE ENTIRE PREMISES PURSUANT
37 TO A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE
38 LEASE TERM REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS B AND D OF SECTION 18.04.010
39 OF THE CODE.

40
41 **17.44.100 - APPEALS.**

42
43 ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR TO DENY ISSUANCE,
44 DENY RENEWAL, SUSPEND OR REVOKE A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE MAY
45 APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS ACCORDING TO THE
46 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17.40.880.

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2 **17.44.110 - DEFINITIONS.**

3
4 **A. APPLICANT.**

5 “APPLICANT” MEANS A PERSON WHO EXECUTES THE FORMS REQUIRED FOR
6 OBTAINING A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

7
8 **B. LICENSEE.**

9 “LICENSEE” MEANS A PERSON WHO OBTAINS A RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE
10 FROM THE CITY.

11
12 **C. LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER.**

13 “LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER” MEANS A PERSON WHO ACTS AS THE LEGALLY
14 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND AGENT OF A LICENSEE AND WHO HAS A
15 PRIMARY RESIDENCE OR OFFICE AT A PHYSICAL LOCATION IN THE CITY.

16
17 **D. OWNER.**

18 “OWNER” MEANS ANY PERSON WHO ALONE, JOINTLY, OR SEVERALLY WITH
19 OTHERS HOLDS LEGAL OR EQUITABLE TITLE TO ANY PREMISES.

20
21 **E. PERSON.**

22 “PERSON” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ANY LEGAL ENTITY IN WHICH AN
23 INDIVIDUAL HAS AN OWNERSHIP OR BENEFICIAL INTEREST.

24
25 **F. PREMISES.**

26 “PREMISES” MEANS ONLY THOSE TYPES OF DWELLINGS, DWELLING UNITS,
27 BED AND BREAKFAST HOMES, HOTELS, MOTELS, AND INNS LISTED IN SECTION
28 17.44.010 THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

29
30 **G. RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE.**

31 “RENTAL OPERATING LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
32 SECTION 17.44.010 FOR A PREMISES.

33
34 **H. TENANT.**

35 “TENANT” MEANS A PERSON WHO PAYS RENT OR OTHER CONSIDERATION FOR
36 THE TEMPORARY USE OR OCCUPATION OF ANOTHER’S PREMISES UNDER A
37 LEASE OR SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT.

38
39 **I. UNLICENSED PREMISES.**

40 “UNLICENSED PREMISES” MEANS A PREMISES THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE
41 LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 17.44.010, BUT FOR WHICH A VALID RENTAL
42 OPERATING LICENSE HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED OR RENEWED.

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44 **J. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, ANY TERMS NOT DEFINED IN THIS**
45 **SECTION SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS SPECIFIED IN CHAPTERS 17.04 AND 17.40.”**
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1 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
2 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage
3 except that licensees having current short-term licenses on the date of this Ordinance’s passage
4 shall have two years from that date to comply with Chapter 17.44, as enacted. Failure to comply
5 shall result in revocation of the rental license, in addition to other action and penalties permitted
6 by law.
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8 **SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
9 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be
10 severable; and, if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or
11 circumstance is held invalid for any reason or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction,
12 the invalidity or unconstitutionality does not affect other provisions or any other application of this
13 Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, since the same
14 would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such invalid or
15 unconstitutional provisions.
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18 **Explanation:**

19 UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

20 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

21 Underlining indicates amendments.
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