

SHORT TERM RENTAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who needs to obtain a short-term rental (STR) license?

Anyone who hosts short-term stays (fewer than 90 consecutive nights at a time) in Baltimore needs to obtain a short-term rental permit and display the permit number on their listing on any short-term rental sites.

What is the deadline to acquire a short-term rental license?

December 31, 2019

What are the requirements to apply for a license?

- Property must be the permanent residence of the applicant
- Property must be in permanent residence's name
- Property must be free of any code violations

What information is needed for the application?

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Email
- Emergency Contact
- State Comptroller Sales and Use Tax Number

What is the licensing fee?

- \$200.00 per dwelling unit

Can I license an unhosted short-term rental unit?

Yes. The applicant must own the unhosted unit in their own name and obtained ownership prior to December 31, 2018.

If this is the only STR you are licensing you must show a successful booking transaction between August 1, 2017, and December 31, 2018.

If you have a hosted unit licensed in Baltimore City you can also have one unhosted unit that you previously used as a STR between January 8, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

All *unhosted* STR unit licenses must be obtained no later than March 31, 2020.

What is the maximum number of STR units that I can license?

The maximum number of STR units is two. One hosted unit and one unhosted unit.

What happens if I do not obtain a STR license on my unhosted unit before March 31, 2020?

All *unhosted* units must be licensed by March 31, 2020. After that date there will be no new STR licenses issued for *unhosted* units. Properties licensed before March 31, 2020 as an unhosted STR unit are required to renew their license every two years. STR licenses are not transferrable.

Does my Short-Term Rental need to be inspected?

Your hosted Short-Term Rental unit does not need to be inspected but must be free of violations and must be maintained in compliance with the City Building, Fire, and related Code. Your unhosted Short Term Rental Unit must also be registered and licensed as a Rental Unit.

How do I apply for a license?

You can apply on-line at [Short-Term Rental Account Set Up](#).