

# Short-Term Rental Fact Sheet



## What is a short-term rental?

A short-term rental is a property used for nightly, weekly or monthly rentals that last fewer than 181 consecutive nights. Short-term rental properties are legally required to register with the State, the County, and the City. Please register with the entities listed below before listing the property on any booking platform such as AirBNB, VRBO, Expedia, etc.

## Required Registrations



### Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)

- DBPR licenses "Vacation Rentals"
- To register visit [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com)



### Bay County Clerk of Court

- Collects a 5% Tourist Development Tax (also known as the "Bed Tax") on all stays
- To register visit <https://tdc.baycoclerk.com/touristtax/>



### City of Panama City

- Collects a 1% Merchant Fee on all stays
- To find the application, please visit <https://www.panamacity.gov/184/Business-Services>
- Complete the "Business License Application" and email to [BusinessTaxPC@panamacity.gov](mailto:BusinessTaxPC@panamacity.gov)

## Allowed Zoning Districts

- Residential-1 (R-1)
- Residential-2 (R-2)
- Urban Residential-1 (UR-1)
- Urban Residential-2 (UR-2)
- Manufactured Home-1 (MH-1)
- Mixed Use-2 (MU-2)
- Mixed Use-3 (MU-3)
- Downtown District (DTD)
- St. Andrews District (StAD)
- Cultural Heritage District (CHD)

Check your zoning district at:

[www.panamacity.gov/175/Development-Services](http://www.panamacity.gov/175/Development-Services)

Click on the Zoning and Future Land Use Map and Search Your Address

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