

GERRISH TOWNSHIP SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: The owner or a duly authorized representative must review this document and provide their initials after each statement to indicate acknowledgment and agreement. Failure to initial any statement may result in the application being deemed incomplete.

SECTION 1: Owner/Agent Requirements

Local Agent: A designated Local Agent residing within 60 minutes of the unit must be appointed, with their current contact info provided to the STR Coordinator. Owners meeting the criteria may serve as Local Agents. _____

Guest Records: The Owner or Local Agent must maintain a list of all guests and their residences, to be produced upon Township request. _____

Registration: An annual registration form and permit fee must be submitted to the Township. _____

Proof of Use: At least one rental must be conducted per year (with proof provided) to avoid potential permit revocation. _____

SECTION 2: Property and Operational Standards

Capacity Limits: Guest counts do not exceed limits approved under the STR Ordinance or any special Township authorization. _____

Occupancy Restraints: Campers, RVs, tents, or temporary dwellings are not used to increase occupancy. _____

Prohibited Events: Special events (e.g., weddings, bachelor parties) that exceed the maximum approved occupancy are prohibited. _____

Signage: Advertising the existence of an STR via on-site signage is strictly prohibited. _____

Guest Education/Postings: A copy of the Township-approved Good Neighbor Guide shall be provided to guests, maintained on the premises at all times, and displayed in a prominent location near the front door. The Guide includes all information required by the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and therefore satisfies all posting requirements. The Guide will be provided to the permit holder upon issuance of the Short-Term Rental permit. _____

Waste Management: Owners must provide separate refuse and recycling containers for scheduled collection; additional waste disposal is the owner's responsibility. _____

Boating/Watercraft Safety: If the STR is located on waterfront property and renters are allowed to bring or rent watercraft, any dock or hoist provided must be well-maintained. Short-term renters using watercraft must comply with all state and local regulations. (Initial if applicable) _____

Dwelling Safety:

1. Street address numbers must be properly displayed and maintained in compliance with Gerrish Township Ordinance 26 (House Number Display Ordinance) to ensure visibility for emergency services. _____
2. Attics and basements are not to be used as dwelling or sleeping units unless full compliance with all applicable building, fire, zoning, and residential codes has been demonstrated and approved as required by law. _____
3. A fire escape plan must be provided and graphically displayed in each bedroom. _____
4. A basic first-aid kit must be provided, located in a prominent area, and regularly restocked. _____
5. An operational smoke detector must be located in each bedroom and at least one carbon monoxide detector must be located on each floor. Operational testing must be conducted at least once every ninety (90) days. A log of all testing and maintenance activity must be maintained and provided to the Township upon request. _____
6. A fire extinguisher or suppression device must be provided for each stove, oven, or other source of flame, housed in a clearly visible location, and regularly inspected. At least one fire extinguisher or suppression device is required. _____

SECTION 3: Compliance and Legal

Permit Terms: STR Permits are non-transferable and non-assignable. _____

Inspections: Owners consent to Township inspections and must make the unit available within a reasonable timeframe. _____

Ordinance Notification & Priority: The STR permit holder shall inform all occupants of this short-term rental, prior to occupancy, that the property is subject to all applicable Township Ordinances. This requirement may be satisfied by including the following notice in rental contracts or other written communications:

Township Ordinance Compliance Notice

This short-term rental is located in Gerrish Township and is subject to all applicable Ordinances. If any Ordinances conflict, the stricter provision applies. By booking or occupying this property, you acknowledge this notice and agree to comply with all Township Ordinances during your stay.

Because direct pre-occupancy notification to visitors may not always be possible, the permit holder shall ensure that a clear copy of this notice is posted in a prominent location within the dwelling unit (e.g., inside the entryway, on a welcome board, or in the rental information packet).

Availability: No more than eighty (80) permits will be issued. Applications received after the limit is reached will not be considered, and the application fee will be returned. _____

Penalties: Violations of the STR Ordinance are municipal civil infractions and are subject to fines and fees. An Occupant, Visitor, Owner, and Local Agent may all be fined for the same violations, if deemed appropriate by the Township. Violation of the STR Ordinance may be grounds for revocation of the permit. _____

I, the undersigned Owner or duly authorized representative, acknowledge that I have reviewed and initialed the requirements outlined above. I further certify that I agree to comply with all conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Keep a copy of this signed document for your records.