

Other Information:

The Regional District defines a vacation rental as the use of a residential dwelling unit for the commercial accommodation of paying guests for a period of less than one month.

The Regional District administers vacation rental properties and will enforce local bylaws and regulations. Vacation rental properties without the required TUP are subject to fines of up to \$500 a day for non-compliance.

Applications

for a Vacation Rental TUP Health & Safety Inspection are available on our website at www.rdos.bc.ca Click on Building Inspection / Forms & Sample Documents or by contacting RDOS Building Inspection. Cost of inspection: **\$200** (includes one re-inspection to resolve outstanding deficiencies).

*Note-structural deficiencies may require a separate building permit.

VACATION RENTALS

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Regional District's Development Services office prior to submitting an application for a Temporary Use Permit. Staff can provide assistance on obtaining some of the information required for the application.

Refer to the RDOS website for further information on how to apply for a Temporary Use Permit for a Vacation Rental.

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HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTION INFORMATION



BC Building Code:

The Health & Safety Inspection is limited to health & safety for the proposed use as a vacation rental and in no way certifies that the structure is fully Code compliant.

Excerpts:

Article 1.1.1.2. Application to Existing Buildings

(1) Where a building is altered, rehabilitated, renovated or repaired, or there is a change in occupancy, the level of life safety and building performance shall not be decreased below a level that already exists.

Appendix A of the BCBC clarifies that it is not intended that the Code be used to enforce the retroactive application of new requirements to existing buildings unless specifically required by bylaws.

Article 1.2.1.2. Responsibility of Owner

(2) The owner of a building is in no way relieved of full responsibility for complying with the BC Building Code by the authority having jurisdiction (c) carrying out inspections.

Information required:

- ◇ Owner names and contact numbers
- ◇ Address of property
- ◇ Number of bedrooms
- ◇ Proposed occupancy load
- ◇ Age of home

General requirements:

- ◇ Building address visible
- ◇ Building sides accessible to emergency equipment
- ◇ Building in good repair
- ◇ Posted layout/exit paths/emergency numbers
- ◇ Occupancy load sign posted
- ◇ Parking - 1 space per bedroom

Inspection details:

- ◇ Number of bedrooms
- ◇ Bedroom windows meet egress requirements
- ◇ Hard-wired, interconnected smoke/CO alarms in bedroom or within 5m of each bedroom
- ◇ Exit travel distance, widths and number of exits
- ◇ Security provisions such as deadbolts, door viewer, exterior lighting, all operational
- ◇ Stairs and decks have guards, railings and handrails which meet BC Building Code requirements
- ◇ Decks in good repair