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CROW WING COUNTY SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE REVISIONS

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is requesting public comment on proposed revisions to the Crow Wing County Short Term Rental Ordinance. The proposed ordinance revisions can be viewed on the County website at www.crowwing.us/ordinance. Written comments on the proposed revisions will be accepted until September 29, 2022, at 5:00pm, and may be submitted to the Land Services Department at landservices@crowwing.us or mailed to: Land Services Building, 322 Laurel Street, Suite 15 Brainerd, MN 56401, attn.: "STR Ordinance". A public hearing for the proposed revisions to the Short Term Rental Ordinance is set for October 11, 2022, during the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

The proposed revisions will seek to:

- Revise section 2.3 to state that "a property is exempt from county licensing if the municipality or local government unit does not allow, by ordinance, short term rentals in the entirety of their jurisdiction. Written notice must be provided to the County by the municipality/LGU."
- Revise section 5.2 to allow for an occupancy of three (3) people per-bedroom plus one (1) overall additional persons per unit (down from 4 people per-bedroom plus 1 overall).
- Revise other section that are more minor in nature.

Crow Wing County's Short Term Rental Ordinance was approved by County Commissioners in June, 2020, and became effective on January 1, 2021. The Ordinance requires each rental unit to apply for an annual license with the County, with annual fees varying from \$200-\$500, depending on the number of bedrooms. In 2021, over 360 licenses were issued for short term rentals. From January 1st through August 29, 2022, over 440 licenses have been issued for short term rentals.

Crow Wing County reminds everyone to be a good neighbor whether you are staying in one of the many short term rentals in Crow Wing County or living next to one. If there are any issues with a neighboring rental, please contact Crow Wing County's 24-hour short term rental concern/complaint hotline at (218) 824-1132.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Office at (218) 824-1010 or landservices@crowwing.us to discuss land use activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.crowwing.us.

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