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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 November 6, 2023, 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 November 28, 2023, during the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

The proposed revisions will seek to:

- Revise section 2.1 to state that subsurface sewage treatment system requirements must follow county ordinance and state rule.
- Revise section 2.1 to add a definition for travel trailer.
- Delete section 3.3 requiring a license for each individual short-term rental unit on one parcel.
- Revise section 4.1 stating that no license will be issued if a property has three substantiated violations within the prior calendar year.
- Revise section 4.2 to clarify the requirement of a complete application for a license as well clarifying that the ordinance issues a license not a permit.
- Revise section 5.1 allowing holding tanks provided that certain performance standards are met.
- Revise section 5.2 clarifying what structures are prohibited as short-term rental units.
- Revise section 5.2 to clarify that 2 short term rental units are allowed per parcel.
- Add section to clarify the process through which the county will administer a short-term rental ordinance for a city.

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 short-term rental unit to apply for an annual license with the County. In 2023, over 550 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.

Our Vision: Being Minnesota's favorite place.

Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

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