

**The following definitions are to be added to the Unified Development Code (UDC) as a reconstituted Section 29-1.11(g) [Definitions] with existing Section 29-1.11(g) being renumber to Section 29-1.11 (h). All text is new.**

(g) *Short-term Rentals*. For the purpose of chapter 29, article 3, section 29-3.3(uu) the following words and terms as used are defined to mean the following:

**Owner.** Any person, firm, trust, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who has legal interest in a property as shown within the records of the Boone County Assessor's Office.

**Designated Agent.** An individual or management company located within the City of Columbia that is available 24-hours per day who accepts full responsibility for addressing matters arising with the operation or use of a dwelling unit licensed as a short-term rental in the absence of the owner/authorized tenant of the property upon which such dwelling is located. The individual or management company is not required to be on-site in the absence of the owner/authorized tenant of the property.

**Principal Resident.** The owner, or an authorized tenant under a signed lease greater than 30 days, that occupies a dwelling unit that is their true, fixed, and principal residence to which, whenever absent, they return until a new principal residence is established.

**Principal Residence.** The one dwelling unit in which a principal resident resides that, whenever absent, is the dwelling to which they return until a new principal residence is established. A principal residence shall be documented by motor vehicle or voter registration, driver license, or other such evidence as determined acceptable by the Director of Community Development.

**Secondary Residence.** A dwelling unit in which an owner, as defined herein, lives temporarily for time intervals less than their principal residence and for which all necessary utilities shall remain in the owner's name.

**Short-term Rental.** A residential dwelling unit, portion of a dwelling unit or room within a residential dwelling unit rented by a transient guest.

**Short-term Rental (Tier 1).** An accessory use of a principal residence that is offered, on occasion, in whole or in part, for not more than a total of thirty (30) days in a calendar year as a short-term rental.

**Short-term Rental (Tier 2).** An accessory use of a principal or secondary residence of an owner that is offered, on occasion, in whole or in part, for not more than a total of one-hundred twenty (120) days in a calendar year as a short-term rental.

**Short-term Rental (Tier 3).** A residential dwelling unit that is offered, in whole or in part, as a short-term rental that either:

- A) Is not a principal or secondary residence; or
- B) Is offered as a short-term rental for greater than one-hundred twenty (120) days in a calendar year.

***Short-term rental intermediary.*** A marketplace or network that facilitates the listing, marketing, or rental of a short-term rental on a site, also referred to as a platform.

***Transient Guest.*** A person who occupies a room in a hotel, motel or tourist court as well as a bed and breakfast or short-term rental for less than thirty-one (31) consecutive days.

**The following existing definitions within Section 29-1.11(a) [Definitions] of the Unified Development Code shall be amended as follows. Strikethrough text to be deleted and underlined text to be added.**

***Hotel.*** A building occupied or used as a temporary abiding place of individuals or groups of individuals, with or without meals, in which the typical stay is between one and thirty (30) days. Accessory uses may include restaurants, cafes, swimming pools, meeting rooms, or sports/health facilities. The definition of *hotel* shall exclude bed and breakfast establishments and short-term rentals.

***Bed and breakfast.*** A residential building containing not more than five (5) guest rooms that provides sleeping units and meals for transient guests, and that is managed and occupied by the owner of the property. The definition of bed and breakfast shall exclude hotels and short-term rentals.

The following subsection (uu) is to be added to the section 29-3.3 of the Unified Development Code (UDC) as new “use-specific standards” relating to short-term rentals. All text is new.

**Sec. 29-3.3. Use-specific standards.**

All uses for which the permitted use table in section 29-3.2 shows use-specific standard(s) shall comply with the applicable standard(s) in this section. In addition, all development shall comply with all other applicable provisions of this chapter.

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(uu) *Accessory and temporary uses of land and buildings: Short-term Rental.*

A. *Short-term rental types.* Short-term rentals shall be classified as either a Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 dwelling unit subject to the following provisions:

1. “Tier 1” short-term rental. Shall be an accessory use in zoning districts A, R-1, R-2, R-MF, M-OF, and M-N provided the following criteria are met:
  - i. The dwelling unit is a principal residence; and
  - ii. The dwelling unit or portion of the dwelling unit is made available for occupancy by transient guests no greater than a total of thirty (30) days in a calendar year.
2. “Tier 2” short-term rental.
  - i. Shall be an accessory use in zoning districts A, R-1, R-2, R-MF, M-OF, and M-N, M-C, and M-DT provided the following criteria are met:
    1. The dwelling unit is a principal residence of an owner; and
    2. The dwelling unit or portion of the dwelling unit is made available for occupancy by transient guests for no greater than one-hundred twenty (120) days in a calendar year; and
    3. One (1) off-street parking space for every 2 occupants of the dwelling unit shall be provided. Such parking shall be provided off-street on the site of the short-term rental on a parking surface compliant with the provisions of this Code and shall not result in the displacement of required parking.
  - ii. Shall be an accessory use in zoning districts M-OF, and M-N, M-C, and M-DT provided the following criteria are met:

1. The dwelling unit is a secondary residence of an owner; and
2. The dwelling unit or portion of the dwelling unit is made available for occupancy by transient guests for no greater than one-hundred twenty (120) days in a calendar year; and
3. One (1) off-street parking space for every 2 occupants of the dwelling unit shall be provided. Such parking shall be provided off-street on the site of the short-term rental on a parking surface compliant with the provisions of this Code and shall not result in the displacement of required parking.

iii. Shall be a conditional accessory use in zoning districts A, R-1, R-2, and R-MF provided the following criteria are met:

1. The dwelling unit is a secondary residence of an owner; and
2. The dwelling unit or portion of the dwelling unit is made available for occupancy by transient guests for no greater than one-hundred twenty (120) days in calendar year; and
3. A conditional use permit is approved by the City Council in accordance with the provisions of section 29-6.4 (conditional use permit); and
4. One (1) off-street parking space for every 2 occupants of the dwelling unit shall be provided. Such parking shall be provided off-street on the site of the short-term rental on a parking surface compliant with the provisions of this Code and shall not result in the displacement of required parking.

3. "Tier 3" short-term rental. Shall be a permitted use in zoning districts M-N, M-C, and MDT and shall be a conditional use in zoning district M-OF provided the following criteria are met:

- i. The dwelling unit is not a principal or secondary residence or the dwelling unit is made available for occupancy by transient guests for a period greater than one-hundred twenty (120) days in a calendar year; and
- ii. A conditional use permit, where required, is approved by the City Council in accordance with section 29-6.4 (conditional use permit); and
- iii. One (1) off-street parking space for every 2 occupants of the dwelling unit shall be provided. Such parking shall be provided off-street on the site of the short-term rental on a parking surface compliant with the provisions of this Code and shall not result in the displacement of required parking; and

- iv. Short-term rentals in dwelling units not identified as a primary or secondary residence shall comply with Federal, State, and local accessibility requirements as applicable.
- B. Supplemental use-specific standards. The following standards shall be applicable to all short-term rentals regardless of their “tier” of designation.
  - 1. Registration and Licensure. The property owner or authorized tenant shall register the short-term rental with the City prior to being granted a certificate of compliance. Such registration shall follow the provisions of chapter 22 (Rental Conversation Law) of the City Code, shall be submitted on forms provided by the City, and shall grant the City the right to inspect the dwelling unit for compliance with the all applicable codes.
  - 2. Limits on Licensure. A maximum of one (1) short-term rental certificate may be issued per owner or authorized tenant.
  - 3. Proof of ownership. Concurrent with submission of registration forms provided by the City, the property owner or authorized tenant shall submit an affidavit affirming the following:
    - i. The dwelling unit to be used as a short-term rental is owned by the applicant or is occupied by a tenant authorized by the property owner to make the application,
    - ii. Whether the dwelling is the applicant’s principal or secondary residence (as defined in section 29-1.11), or is solely an investment property,
    - iii. The total number of days annually that the dwelling is to be used as a short-term rental, and
    - iv. The name, address, and contact number of a designated agent within the City of Columbia and accessible 24 hours per day, seven (7) days a week who shall accept full responsibility for addressing matters arising with the operation or use of the dwelling unit in the absence of the owner/authorized tenant.
  - 4. Conditional use permit. When applicable, a license to operate a short-term rental shall be granted only after the issuance of a conditional use permit in accordance with the provisions of section 29-6.4 (conditional use permit).
  - 5. Maximum occupancy. The maximum number of occupants permitted in a dwelling unit offered and operated as a short-term rental shall be subject to the “occupancy limitations” of the most recently adopted edition of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). In no instance, regardless

of short-term rental tier designation, shall a dwelling unit be occupied by more than a total of eight (8) occupants.

6. Reservations. Only one rental reservation at a time shall be permissible for each short-term rental. If rented “in part” and additional occupancy is permitted, it shall be unlawful to have a second reservation for the same dwelling.
7. Dwelling unit usage. Dwellings licensed for short-term rental usage shall not be used for special events such as weddings, corporate events, commercial functions, large parties (greater than 8 persons), and other similar events or activities otherwise prohibited by this code.
8. Certificate of Compliance Posting. The certificate of compliance issued by the City shall be conspicuously posted at the entry of the dwelling unit or in a readily available location onsite for review upon the request of a police officer or city inspector investigating a violation of this subsection (uu), chapter 16, article IV (Nuisances), or chapter 22, article V (Rental Conservation Law) of this Code.

In addition to posting the issued certificate, the owner/authorized tenant shall post at the principal entry into the dwelling the following:

- i. The owner’s/authorized tenant’s contact information and that of the designated agent representing the dwelling unit in the absence of the owner;
  - ii. The occupancy limitations as provided within the Certificate of Compliance;
  - iii. An emergency evacuation route map; and
  - iv. Contact information for emergency services (police, fire, and ambulance), and the City of Columbia Community Development Department
9. Rental Platform Identification. It shall be unlawful to list a short-term rental on any website or other media without first obtaining a certificate of compliance from the City. Any website or media listing of the dwelling unit shall include the certificate of compliance licensing number. Concurrent with the application to register a dwelling unit as a short-term rental and annually thereafter, the owner/authorized tenant shall provide the City with a list of all specific website or other media where the dwelling unit will be advertised for rental purposes.

10. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) usage. An ADU may be permitted to be utilized as a short-term rental subject to compliance with the provisions of this subsection (uu) and all other applicable provisions of this code, provided not more than one dwelling unit upon the property is registered for use as a short-term rental.
11. Signage. One (1) non-illuminated building-mounted sign no greater than one (1) square foot in area shall be permitted to identify the dwelling unit as a short-term rental. One (1) non-illuminated onsite directional sign no greater than one-half (1/2) square foot in area shall be permitted for guest way-finding purposes.
12. Compliance. It shall be unlawful to offer a dwelling unit, in part or in whole, as a short-term rental without complying with the provision of this subsection (uu) and having obtained a Business License and a Certificate of Compliance pursuant to the provisions of chapter 13 (Business License) and chapter 22, article V (Rental Conservation Law) of this Code within 365 days of the effective date of this ordinance on forms provided by the City.
13. Short-term rental certificate of compliance non-transferable. An active certificate of compliance authorizing the use of a dwelling unit as a short-term rental and, if applicable, any conditional use permit granted under the provisions of section 29-6.4 (conditional use permit), shall be void upon the sale of the property. Application to re-establish the dwelling unit as a short-term rental shall be subject to the all requirements of this Code and shall be submitted in compliance with the provisions of chapter 13 (Business License) and chapter 22, article V (Rental Conservation Law).
14. Revocation of a certificate of compliance – short-term rental. Operation of a short-term rental, regardless of classification, in violation of any of the provisions of this subsection (uu) of this section shall constitute a violation of this Code and shall be subject to any fines and penalties of such. Any property owner or authorized tenant who has had their short-term rental certificate of compliance revoked shall be required to seek a conditional use permit to re-establish the short-term rental.

The following subsection (iv) is to be added to the Section 29-6.4(m)(2) of the Unified Development Code (UDC) as new conditional use permit (CUP) review criteria relating to short-term rentals. Strikethrough text to be deleted and underlined text to be added.

## Section 29-6.4 Specific Regulatory Procedures

### 29-6.4(a) - Zoning compliance.

Each application under this chapter that does not require one or more of the specific regulatory procedures in subsections (b) through (q) below shall be reviewed for zoning compliance. Zoning compliance checks shall be conducted by the department, and applications shall be approved if they comply with this chapter. The department's decision may be appealed to the board pursuant to section 29-6.3(f).

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### 29-6.4(m) - Conditional use permit.

#### (1) Procedure.

- (i) Except as otherwise specifically provided elsewhere in this chapter, the department shall review the application and shall forward a recommendation to the commission based on the criteria listed in subsection (2) below.

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- (2) *Criteria for approval.* After giving due consideration to the following criteria, the commission may recommend and the council may grant a conditional use permit which may include any conditions deemed necessary to carry out the provisions and intent of this chapter.

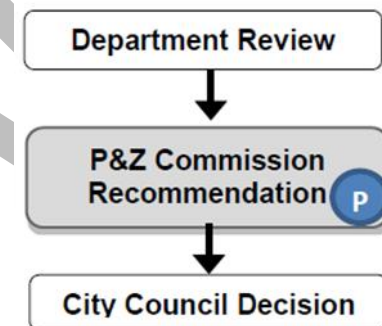
#### (i) General criteria.

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- (ii) *Criteria for communication antennas and towers.* When considering a conditional use permit application for a communications antenna or tower, the application shall be submitted to the board and the board shall consider the following criteria in addition to those listed in subsection (i) above, and its decision shall be based on substantial evidence in the written record:

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### Conditional Use Permit



**P** = Public Hearing



(iv) Criteria for short-term rentals. When considering a conditional use permit application for a short-term rental (STR), the Commission and Council shall consider the following criteria in addition to those listed in subsection (i) above:

1. Whether the proposed STR is used for any part of the year by the owner as a residence. If so, for how long?
2. Whether or not there are established STRs within 300 feet of the proposed STR measured in all directions from property lines “as the crow fly’s”.
3. Whether the applicant has previously operated an STR and if such operation has resulted in a history of complaints, a denied certificate, or revocation of an issued STR certificate.
4. Whether the STR will increase the intensity of the use of the property and cause increased traffic or noise coming from the property.
5. Whether there is support for the establishment of the proposed STR from adjoining property owners.