



## CITY OF DULUTH

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
Community Planning Division  
411 West First Street – Room 208 - Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1197  
218-730-5580 – An Equal Opportunity Employer

### **What kind of Short-Term Rental Permit do I need?**

This document will explain the two ways the City of Duluth permits short-term rentals and provides a web link to the application procedures for each.

Short-term rentals in Duluth fall into two categories with the primary difference being whether or not the property owner resides on the premises while the guests are present:

- Accessory Home Share
- Vacation Dwelling Unit

#### [Property owner lives in the home during the rental](#)

If the property owner permanently resides at the property during the rental period and they want to rent a room to guests they would apply for an Accessory Home Share permit. A maximum of 4 guests can stay for up to 29 days with an Accessory Home Share Permit. Safety inspections will be required before the permit is issued. This permit must be renewed annually.

This type of permit requires that at least one permanent resident be generally present on or about the premises at all times while the property is being rented.

#### [Renting the entire home without property owner being present](#)

If the property owner wants to rent out the entire property without being present while it is rented a Vacation Dwelling Unit Interim Use Permit is the application to seek. This type of a permit requires guests to stay for a minimum of two nights and rent for up to 29 days. Off-street parking is required based on the total number of bedrooms.

This permit requires a public hearing and approval by the City Council and, if approved, is in place for up to 6 years. Safety inspections will be required before the permit is issued

\*Please note that based on direction from the Duluth City Council, only 60 vacation dwelling unit permits will be approved. As of August 15, 2016, over 30 permits have been issued.

#### [What's next after determining the type of permit that works best for me?](#)

Additional rules and procedures for Accessory Home Share and Vacation Dwelling Units can be found under the heading of "Short-Term Rental Permits" at

<http://www.duluthmn.gov/community-planning/land-use-zoning-applications/applications/>

If you're interested in a Vacation Dwelling Unit Interim Use Permit, please call to schedule a pre-application meeting with a member of our team at 218-730-5580.

A pre-application meeting is not necessary when applying for an Accessory Home Share permit, but if you have questions please call a Land Use Technician located in our One Stop Shop at 218-730-5240.