

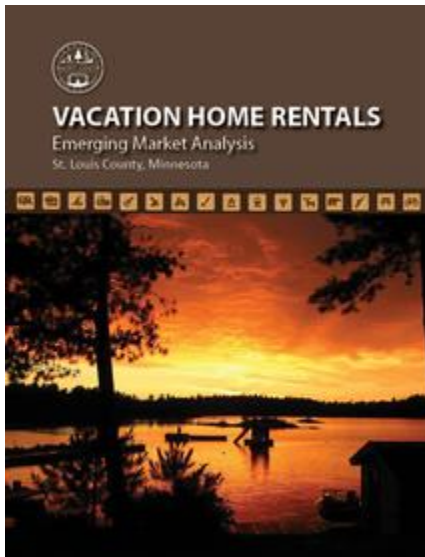


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Welcome to the St. Louis County land use planning news update. You are receiving this message because you signed up for planning updates with the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department. This resource will periodically update you with information regarding land use planning where St. Louis County administers land use and zoning.

## Short Term (Vacation Home) Rental



### Permit Required Reminder

The St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance now requires specific permits for short term rental properties, such as rental vacation homes and properties listed on VRBO or Airbnb. St. Louis County allows for short term rental of properties through the issuance of an over-the-counter performance standard permit, which means that standards need to be met by the applicant in order to obtain the permit. In certain zoning districts and situations, a conditional use permit may be necessary.

If you are planning on, or are currently renting your property as a short term rental, a permit is required. The County's required permitting would not impact short term rental properties within townships and cities that administer their own zoning ordinance.

Please see the following map regarding zoning administration and contacts:

[Township and City Zoning Administrators](#) (click to view information)

### To Apply

Applications and additional information regarding short term rental use may be found here:

[Short Term Rentals](#) (click to view information)

Applications may be submitted on-line or mailed to the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development offices at:

St. Louis County Government Services Center  
320 W 2nd St., Ste. 301  
Duluth, MN 55802

Or

St. Louis County Government Services Center  
201 South 3rd Avenue West  
Virginia, MN 55792

Should you have any questions regarding the permitting process, please don't hesitate to call our office to discuss your project. We can be reached by phone at 218-749-7103 or 218-725-5000, or by email at [landuseinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:landuseinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov)



## STATE OF MINNESOTA

The State of Minnesota also has standards and licensing requirements that must be adhered to for short term rental of properties. Below is a brief description of additional state requirements. It is recommended to contact the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) prior to submission of a short term rental permit to St. Louis County.

MN DEPT OF HEALTH - DULUTH OFFICE: (218) 302-6166

**FIRE CODE (REGULATION):** Minimum state standards must be followed for short term rental property including, but not limited to, smoke detectors, egress windows and carbon monoxide detectors.

**SEPTIC SYSTEMS (REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE):**

MDH confirms a valid certificate of compliance or valid operating permit for septic systems is on file and approved by the county\*. They also conduct a visual review of the system during their on-site review.

\*St. Louis County On-Site Wastewater Division system review may be more restrictive.

**HEALTH SAFETY (LICENSE):** MDH and local public health agencies license and inspect short term rentals in Minnesota per state statute.

**WATER TESTING (REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE):**

MDH confirms that required water testing is done.

**TAXES:** A Minnesota tax identification number and other applicable identification numbers must be provided to the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department prior to issuance of permit.

MN DEPT OF REVENUE: (651) 296-6181

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**Additional Information**

[Vacation Home Rentals](#)

[Comprehensive Land Use Plan](#)

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