

**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS  
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 02-2011**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE  
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS**

An Ordinance to amend the City of the Village of Douglas Zoning Ordinance No. 02-2009 to provide additional standards related to the renting of residential dwelling units on a short term basis.

**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.20.** Section 2.20 of Ordinance No. 02-2009 is hereby amended to add the following language:

**Section 2.20 Definitions Beginning with the Letter "S":**

SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT. A dwelling unit which is rented to a person for less than 31 consecutive days, or is advertised to be rented for any period less than 31 days.

**Section 2. Amendment of Section 16.33.** Section 16.33 of Ordinance No. 02-2009 is hereby amended to add the following language:

**Section 16.33 Short-term Rental Units**

A short-term rental unit, as defined in Section 2.20 of this chapter, is permitted in all zoning districts where residential use of property is permitted by right or has been approved for special land use, and shall be subject to the following provisions:

- 1) The owner of the dwelling shall register the short-term rental unit with the City of Douglas and shall be responsible for obtaining a rental occupancy permit. No short-term rental shall occur without a valid rental occupancy permit.
- 2) The short-term rental unit shall meet all applicable building, health, fire and related safety codes at all times and shall be inspected annually by the Fire Department before any rental occupancy certificate can be issued. Inspection procedures and administrative fees shall be determined by the City Council and the Saugatuck Township District Fire Department.
- 3) Signs shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the City of the Village of Douglas Sign Ordinance.
- 4) The use of outdoor yard areas, open decks, pools and the like shall not result in the production of excessive off-site noise, odor or other external disturbances. Any such

violation shall be enforced as a nuisance under the City of the Village of Douglas General Code of Ordinances.

- 5) The parking of motorized vehicles, trailers and recreational equipment shall be in keeping with the provisions of this chapter and the City of the Village of Douglas General Code of Ordinances at all times.
- 6) A group of people not defined as a family are permitted to rent a short-term rental unit.
- 7) In no event shall the owner of the short-term rental unit or their agent rent an individual room in the short-term rental unit to a person, family, or other group of persons, nor shall the renter so sublet any room.
- 8) Any finding of responsibility or conviction for more than one violation of the City Code of Ordinances in a given calendar year involving a short-term rental unit may result in the rental occupancy certificate being revoked by the City Zoning Administrator (or such other city official as designated by the City Council). Any such revocation of a rental occupancy certificate may be appealed to the City Council for good cause so long as a written Notice of Appeal is filed with the city within ten (10) days of the date of revocation.
- 9) Any sale or transfer of the property automatically causes any existing rental occupancy certificate to be null and void and the new property owner must apply for a new rental occupancy certificate

**Section 3. Severability; Paragraph Headings.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Repealer.** All other ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Publication.** Within fifteen (15) days of its adoption, this Ordinance or a notice of adoption summarizing this Ordinance, as required by law, shall be published by the City Clerk in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date of publication.