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### **Registration Underway for Milpitas Short-Term Rental Program**

Milpitas, CA - Property owners in Milpitas who wish to legally operate a hosted short-term rental (STR) in their home may now register with the City. This program offers Milpitas residents the opportunity to legally rent a room or other portion of their single-family residence or apartment for a short period (up to 30 consecutive days). STRs are also known as vacation rentals, transient rentals, or short-term vacation rentals and are commonly found through companies such as Airbnb™, HomeToGo™, Vrbo™, Tripping.com™, and other short-term rental websites.

The Milpitas STR Program establishes guidelines to protect the peace and safety of local neighborhoods while allowing property owners to open their homes to short-term visitors. STRs are required to pay the same local taxes as hotels to cover the costs of public services.

Following the growth of short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb and HomeAway in recent years, the Milpitas City Council adopted a new STR [Ordinance](#) in July 2020 to regulate the rent or lease of privately-owned residential units on a short-term basis. Key provisions of the Ordinance include:

- A host, such as an owner or tenant, to be present throughout a guest's stay. Un-hosted STRs are not allowed;
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) may not be used as an STR;
- Annual registration with the City of Milpitas; and
- Adherence to the City's "Good Neighbor Manual" regarding the general rules of conduct when operating an STR.

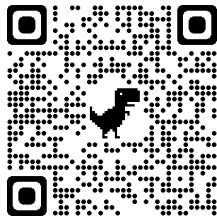
"We believe that the City's short-term rental program is beneficial to our local property owners and residents alike," said Mayor Rich Tran. "It will help ensure the positive economic impact to our City through tax revenues while also providing safety measures to preserve the integrity of our residential neighborhoods." Councilmember Phan shared that "Short-term rentals will be a great way to boost the Milpitas economy as the travel industry recuperates from the negative impact of COVID-19. Guests will also spend their money on visitor-related amenities such as

restaurants, shops and personal services. And this is exactly what our small businesses and community at large needs to recover."

General information and registration materials for short-term rentals in the City of Milpitas are available on the City's [STR Program webpage](#). For assistance with completing an application, property owners or operators may email [shorttermrentals@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:shorttermrentals@ci.milpitas.ca.gov) or call 562.570.6820.

In the weeks ahead, the City will host two virtual community workshops for residents and property owners to learn more about the City's STR Registration Program and the requirements for operating a successful short-term rental.

To learn more about the STR Program, please register for an upcoming webinar, go to <https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/planningdepartment/short-term-rentals/>



The City will also provide an STR hotline at 408-351-8485 to address any issues or complaints. Nuisance activity can also be reported online at <https://secure.hostcompliance.com/tips>

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#### **About the City of Milpitas**

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of nearly 80,000. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration. For more information, visit: [www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov)

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