

## **ORDINANCE NO. 23-19**

### **AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN, ENTITLED, "LICENSES, PERMITS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS"**

Note: Words set as strikeover are to be deleted from the ordinance; all underlined text is to be added to the ordinance.

The Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown hereby ordains:

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of North Kingstown, entitled, "Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" is hereby amended by adding the following:

#### **ARTICLE XVIII. SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGISTRATION**

##### **Sec. 9-415. Applicability.**

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all short term rentals which are rented out for increments of 30 consecutive days or less within the Town of North Kingstown.

##### **Sec. 9-416. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

*Dwelling Unit* means a structure or portion thereof providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation, and containing a separate means of ingress and egress.

*Short-term rental* means any rental, lease, or other contractual arrangement for the occupation of portions of or the entirety of a dwelling unit by a tenant for residential and/or dwelling purposes, for any period of less than 30 consecutive days.

##### **Sec. 9-417. Required Registration Form.**

Any short-term rental shall be registered with the State of Rhode Island as well as the Town of North Kingstown. All dwelling units which are let, leased, or otherwise occupied, in whole or in part, by a tenant for any period of less than 30 consecutive days for residential and/or dwelling purposes, shall be registered by the record property owner thereof with the North Kingstown Town Clerk before any tenant occupies the premises.

The rental registration form shall indicate the Tax Assessor's plat and lot number; address of the rental dwelling unit; the number of rental dwelling units therein; the name, permanent mailing address, and telephone number of the record owner and of his or her registered agent, broker, agent, manager, or other representative; the usual period of occupancy by tenants (monthly, weekly, or other); and the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation registration number. Copies of the registration form will be available on the Town of North Kingstown website through the online permitting portal and available at the Town Clerk's Office. *Be aware that a short-term rental use disqualifies the property from the Homestead Exemption.*

**Sec. 9-418. Filing Date; term.**

The record owner of the short-term rental shall file the completed rental registration form with the North Kingstown Town Clerk, which registration shall be valid for a one-year period from January 1 to December 31 of the following year. If the property is registered during the calendar year, the registration shall be valid until December 31 of that same year.

**Sec. 9-419. Registration Fee.**

There shall be a yearly registration fee of \$100 for each short-term rental covered under the provisions of this Chapter.

**Sec. 9-420. Enforcement; penalty for violation.**

- (a) Violations of this chapter shall be enforceable through issuance of a summons by the North Kingstown Police Department. Violations and citations shall be heard and adjudicated by the North Kingstown Municipal Court.
- (b) Any violation of the provisions of this Article upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine in accordance with Section 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2024 and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

First Read at the Town Council Meeting of September 25, 2023 and referred to the Town Council Meeting of October 16, 2023 for Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption.

Adopted at the Town Council Meeting of October 16, 2023.

Jeannette Alyward  
Town Clerk