

1 ORDINANCE NO. 927.2

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3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
4 AMENDING ORDINANCE 927 REGULATING SHORT TERM RENTALS AND  
5 INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE ABATEMENT AND COST  
6 RECOVERY PROCEDURES OF ORDINANCE NO. 725  
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8 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

9 Section 1. Ordinance No. 927 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

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18 Section 1. FINDINGS.

- 19 a. The Board of Supervisors finds that there continues to be an increase in privately  
20 owned residential dwellings being used as Short Term Rentals in the unincorporated  
21 areas of the County of Riverside, especially within Wine Country and Idyllwild.
- 22 b. While Short Term Rentals have been a staple in the County and they provide a benefit  
23 to the County by expanding the number and type of lodging facilities, the exponential  
24 increase continues to cause adverse impacts that have the potential to endanger the  
25 health and safety of residents and guests and the very environment and resources that  
26 attract visitors to the County.
- 27 c. Adverse impacts of Short Term Rentals to surrounding neighbors and properties  
28 include unpermitted large-scale events, excessive noise, disorderly conduct, traffic

1 congestion, illegal vehicle parking, and accumulation of refuse.

- 2 d. This ordinance is necessary to ensure neighborhood compatibility and reduce  
3 conflicts within the surrounding residential neighborhood, to facilitate economic  
4 growth within the County, and to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of  
5 the County's residents.
- 6 e. Based on the Court's holding in *Protect Our Neighborhoods v. City of Palm Springs*  
7 (2022) 73 Cal.App.5th 667, the Board of Supervisor's legislatively finds that Short  
8 Term Rentals are ancillary or secondary uses to a residential dwelling when they are  
9 operated in compliance with this ordinance. This ordinance is necessary to ensure  
10 that the incidental short term rental use of residential property remains an ancillary  
11 and secondary use of residential property in the County, is consistent with the  
12 provisions of the County's Land Use Ordinance (Riverside County Ordinance No.  
13 348), protects the long-term residential housing stock, and thereby preserves the  
14 residential character of the neighborhoods, as identified in the County's zoning  
15 ordinance and Comprehensive General Plan.
- 16 f. The concentration and density of Short Term Rentals in Idyllwild and Wine Country  
17 far surpasses that of any other area in the unincorporated area of the County.
- 18 g. The over-concentration and density of Short Term Rentals in Idyllwild and Wine  
19 Country reduces the long-term or permanent housing stock and contributes to  
20 increased housing costs for both renters and buyers and has additional adverse  
21 impacts on residential character, neighborhood stability, public safety, and quality of  
22 life.
- 23 h. Idyllwild neighbors national forest and wilderness areas. This remote, rural retreat  
24 has developed as a mountain resort with single family homes, a variety of lodging,  
25 camping, and recreational opportunities. However, the infrastructure in this area  
26 remains rural in nature, exhibiting narrow, steep roads and a lack of shoulder parking.  
27 Also, the area is prone to devastating fires and much of this area is designated as a  
28 very high fire severity zone. Additionally, mudslides from rainstorms have

1 significant impact on burn areas, which impacts access to the community. Short  
2 Term Rentals in these locations without proper regulation to address evacuations and  
3 fire safety may jeopardize the safety of guests and the community.

- 4 i. Wine Country encompasses very important agricultural lands in the County. It is  
5 subject to the policies, as adopted by the Board of Supervisors, within the Temecula  
6 Valley Wine Country Community Plan and the zone classifications and regulations  
7 that are unique only to that area. Three districts have been established for this policy  
8 area – Winery, Equestrian and Residential – to ensure long-term viability of the wine  
9 industry while protecting the community’s equestrian rural lifestyle. The overarching  
10 policies for this region promote a strong identity for the Temecula Valley Wine  
11 Country. Additional policies within each district provide for complimentary uses  
12 distinct to the delineated areas. These policies protect against the location of activities  
13 that are incompatible with existing residential and equestrian uses, which could lead  
14 to land use conflicts in the future. One of the policies of the Temecula Valley Wine  
15 Country Policy Area is Southwest Area Plan Policy (SWAP) 1.2, which states  
16 “Maintain distinct characters of the Winery, Equestrian, and Residential Districts  
17 through implementing zones to promote harmonious coexistence of these uses.” This  
18 policy area also identifies “The purpose of the Residential District is to encourage  
19 permanent estate lot residential stock in this region to balance the tourism related  
20 activities.” The Temecula Valley Wine Country Policy Area is distinct in that it is  
21 the only area of the County that, with approval of a discretionary land use permit,  
22 allows small-scale Cottage Inns, which are defined as a dwelling unit with five (5)  
23 or fewer guest rooms providing lodging and breakfast for temporary overnight  
24 occupants in return for compensation and is solely owned and operated by the  
25 property owner, while encouraging agricultural operations, equestrian activities, and  
26 vineyard planting. Such uses reflect the unique character of this policy area. Short  
27 Term Rentals, as currently defined, are not required to follow these policies, thereby,  
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1 creating activities that are incompatible within the framework established by the  
2 Temecula Valley Wine Country Community Plan.

- 3 j. This ordinance is intended to minimize the negative impacts of Short Term Rentals  
4 on residential neighborhoods in the unincorporated area of Riverside County,  
5 particularly, in Wine Country and Idyllwild, by imposing further regulations on Short  
6 Term Rentals in those areas, including, but not limited to, classification limits, caps,  
7 and densities.

8 Section 2. PURPOSE. To ensure protection of the public health and safety of residents and  
9 guests and to protect the environment, it is the purpose of this ordinance to provide regulations and establish  
10 standards for short term rentals in the unincorporated area of the County of Riverside and to ensure the  
11 collection and payment of transient occupancy taxes and assessments, including Tourism Business  
12 Improvement Districts (TBIDs) and Tourism Marketing Districts (TMDs) within the unincorporated area  
13 of the County of Riverside.

14 Section 3. AUTHORITY. In accordance with the California Constitution, Article XI, Section  
15 7, a county may make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and  
16 regulations not in conflict with general laws.

17 Section 4. DEFINITIONS. Except as otherwise specified herein, all terms shall have the same  
18 definition as in Riverside County Ordinance No. 348. Otherwise, as used in this ordinance, the following  
19 terms shall have the following meanings:

- 20 a. Applicant. Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative.  
21 b. Bedroom. Any area of the Short Term Rental normally occupied for sleeping  
22 purposes and is legally permitted as a bedroom or loft.  
23 c. Booking Transaction. Any reservation or payment service provided by a person or  
24 entity who facilitates a Short Term Rental transaction between a prospective Guest  
25 and a Short Term Rental Owner, Owner's Authorized Representative, Operator, or  
26 Local Contact Person.  
27 d. County. The County of Riverside.  
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- 1 e. Eligible Properties. Property that is located within an area of the County that is  
2 subject to Short Term Rental Caps and eligible to apply for a Short Term Rental  
3 Certificate.
- 4 f. Urgent Circumstance. A situation where the Code Enforcement Director and/or  
5 Planning Director, or their designees, have determined that immediate action is  
6 necessary to abate a significant violation in order to protect public safety and/or  
7 prevent damage of surrounding property.
- 8 ~~f.g.~~ Family Member. A spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent,  
9 stepparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent,  
10 great-grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepsibling, brother-in-  
11 law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin (child of an aunt or  
12 uncle).
- 13 ~~g.h.~~ Good Neighbor Brochure. A brochure and related materials, available from the  
14 County, to be given to Guests, which includes a summary of the County's regulations  
15 relating to Short Term Rentals.
- 16 ~~h.i.~~ Guest. The overnight occupants renting the Short Term Rental for a specified period  
17 and the visitors of those overnight occupants.
- 18 ~~i.j.~~ Hosted Stay. A Short Term Rental which is occupied by the Owner for the duration  
19 of the rental to a Responsible Guest(s).
- 20 ~~j.k.~~ Hosting Platform. A person or entity that participates in the Short Term Rental  
21 business by collecting or receiving a fee or other compensation, directly or indirectly  
22 through an agent or intermediary, when conducting a Booking Transaction for a  
23 Short Term Rental using any medium of facilitation, including, but not limited to,  
24 the Internet.
- 25 l. Idyllwild. The unincorporated County of Riverside communities of Idyllwild and  
26 Pine Cove, as designated in the Riverside County Comprehensive General Plan, as  
27 may be amended.
- 28 ~~k.m.~~ Local Contact Person. The person designated by the Owner, Owner's Authorized

1 Representative, or Operator who shall be available twenty-four hours per day, seven  
2 days per week for the purpose of responding within sixty minutes to complaints  
3 related to the Short Term Rental, who has access and authority to assume  
4 management of the unit and is responsible for taking remedial action to resolve such  
5 complaints.

6 l.n. Noise Monitor. A sound level meter meeting the standards of the American National  
7 Standards Specifications for Sound Level Meters or another acoustical or decibel  
8 measurement device with similar capabilities and features that does not have a  
9 camera, record conversations, nor store any personal data.

10 ~~m.o. Notice of Violation. A notice issued for violation of this ordinance in accordance~~  
11 ~~with the provisions of this ordinance and procedures in Riverside County Ordinance~~  
12 ~~No. 725 Any written notice issued for a violation, including but not limited to, a~~  
13 ~~Notice of violation, advisory notice, cease and desist, or citation.~~

14 n.p. North Wine Country. For the purposes of this ordinance, only, the properties  
15 identified, as of the effective date of this ordinance, by the following Assessor's  
16 Parcel Numbers: 943-150-020, 943-150-021, 943-150-022, 943-150-028, 943-150-  
17 029, 943-160-005, 943-160-006, 943-160-007, 943-160-017, 943-160-023, 943-  
18 160-033, 943-160-034, 943-170-018, 943-170-021, 943-170-023, 943-170-026,  
19 943-180-005, 943-180-007, 943-180-021, 943-180-022, 943-190-002, 943-190-020,  
20 943-190-021, 943-190-030, 943-190-031, 943-190-037, 943-200-015, 943-200-026,  
21 943-270-002, 943-270-004, 943-270-005, 943-270-010, 943-270-011, 943-050-007,  
22 943-150-018, 943-150-019, 943-150-023, 943-150-024, 943-050-008, 943-050-006,  
23 943-150-025, 943-150-026, 943-160-024, 943-160-031, 943-160-032, 943-170-016,  
24 943-170-020, 943-050-009, 943-050-018, 943-140-009, 943-170-022, 943-180-015,  
25 943-180-017, 943-180-020, 943-180-023, 943-180-024, 943-190-024, 943-190-028,  
26 943-140-010, 943-140-011, 943-190-034, 943-200-014, 943-200-017, 943-200-029,  
27 943-150-013, 943-150-017, 943-150-030, 943-160-008, 943-160-018, 943-160-019,  
28 943-170-013, 943-150-027, 943-150-031, 943-160-020, 943-160-029, 943-160-030,

943-160-035, 943-160-037, 943-160-038, 943-170-010, 943-170-011, 943-170-012,  
943-170-014, 943-170-015, 943-170-017, 943-180-008, 943-180-009, 943-170-019,  
943-170-024, 943-170-025, 943-180-006, 943-180-010, 943-180-013, 943-180-014,  
943-180-018, 943-180-019, 943-180-025, 943-190-007, 943-190-022, 943-190-026,  
943-190-032, 943-190-036, 943-200-027, 943-270-003, 943-270-007, 943-270-009,  
943-180-011, 943-180-012, 943-180-016, 943-190-019, 943-190-025, 943-190-029,  
943-190-033, 943-190-035, 943-200-016, 943-200-020, 943-200-030, 943-270-001,  
943-270-006, 943-270-008.

o.q. Operator. The Owner or the Owner's Authorized Representative who offers or provides the Short Term Rental.

p.r. Owner. The person or Owner Entity that holds legal or equitable title to the Short Term Rental property.

o.s. Owner's Authorized Representative. The individual(s) identified in writing by the Owner to act on behalf of the Owner with respect to the Short Term Rental. Owner may delegate certain duties of the Owner's Authorized Representative to more than one party.

r.t. Owner Entity. An Owner that is a corporation, limited liability company, trust, or entity other than a natural person.

s.u. Responsible Guest. A Guest of the Short Term Rental who entered into a Booking Transaction to rent the Short Term Rental and is legally responsible for ensuring that all Guests of the Short Term Rental comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the use and occupancy of the Short Term Rental.

t.v. Responsible Operator. Any Operator who is responsible for the Short Term Rental, which includes the Owner(s), Owner's Authorized Representative(s), Operator(s), and Local Contact Person(s).

u.w. Responsible Persons. The persons responsible for compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, include the following:

1. Guest(s) of the Short Term Rental, who is at least twenty-one (21) years of

age;

2. Local Contact Person(s) of the Short Term Rental;
3. Owner(s) of the Short Term Rental;
4. Owner's Authorized Representative(s) of the Short Term Rental; or,
5. Operator(s) of the Short Term Rental.

~~v~~-x. Short Term Rental. A legal privately owned residential dwelling, including, but not limited to, a one family detached dwelling or multiple family attached dwelling, apartment house, condominium, cooperative apartment, duplex, mobile home on permanent foundations, manufactured home on permanent foundations, ~~or any portion of such dwellings, including the property or yard appurtenant thereto~~, which is rented for occupancy for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes for any period less than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days and twenty-nine (29) nights total, but not less than two (2) consecutive days and one (1) night. Portions of calendar days are counted as full days. A Short Term Rental may include any accessory dwelling unit (ADU), junior ADU, second unit, guest quarter, or ranchette unit not otherwise prohibited by state law. A Short Term Rental shall exclude all properties and appurtenant features and facilities rented for hourly use, and properties which have been subdivided pursuant to California Government Code sections 65852.21 or 66411.7 (also known as "Senate Bill 9" or "SB 9") or units or dwellings subject to conditions of approval, legal deed restrictions, or other legal requirements prohibiting this type of rental or occupancy.

~~w~~-y. Short Term Rental Cap. The maximum number of Short Term Rentals allowed by the County in a defined area.

z. Short Term Rental Certificate. A certificate that allows the use of a privately owned residential dwelling as a Short Term Rental pursuant to this ordinance.

~~x~~-aa. Short Term Rental Class I. A Short Term Rental located in Wine Country that allows a maximum number of ten (10) occupants at any one time.

y-bb. Short Term Rental Class II. A Short Term Rental located in Wine Country that allows



more than 10 occupants and up to a maximum of 20 occupants at any one time.

z-cc. Short Term Rental Program Manager. The certified manager who is retained by the County and is responsible for assisting with administering the County's Short Term Rental program.

aa-dd. Tier 1 Cap. For Tier 1 only, the Short Term Rental Cap plus an additional ten (10) Short Term Rentals.

~~bb.~~ ~~Verified Notice of Violation. A Notice of Violation issued for violation of any provision of this ordinance and is either not timely appealed by the recipient or is appealed and upheld in favor of the County.~~

ee-cc. Wine Country. The Wine Country – Winery District, Wine Country – Equestrian District, Wine Country – Residential District, and North Wine Country, as defined in this ordinance.

dd-ff. Wine Country – Winery District. The Wine Country – Winery District, as designated in the Temecula Valley Wine Country Policy Area of the Riverside County Comprehensive General Plan, as may be amended.

ee-gg. Wine Country – Equestrian District. The Wine Country – Equestrian District, as designated in the Temecula Valley Wine Country Policy Area of the Riverside County Comprehensive General Plan, as may be amended.

ff-hh. Wine Country – Residential District. The Wine Country – Residential District, as designated in the Temecula Valley Wine Country Policy Area of the Riverside County Comprehensive General Plan, as may be amended.

Section 5. APPLICABILITY. This ordinance applies to Short Term Rentals as defined in Section 4. The following uses do not qualify as a legal privately owned residential dwelling for purposes of this ordinance, and therefore cannot obtain a Short Term Rental Certificate: any hotel, motel, studio hotel, rooming house, dormitory, public or private club, bed and breakfast inn, cottage inn, or country inn; ~~any permitted or unpermitted~~ camping site ~~or area~~, recreational vehicle, or park model; a hospital, sanitarium, medical clinic, ~~therapy center~~, convalescent home, rest home, home for aged people, foster home, halfway house, transitional housing facility, supportive housing, parolee-probationer home,

community care facility, or other similar facility operated for the care, treatment, or reintegration into society of human beings; any asylum, jail, prison, orphanage, or other facility in which human beings are detained and housed under legal restraint; any housing owned or controlled by an educational institution and used exclusively to house students, faculty, or other employees with or without their families, any fraternity or sorority house or similar facility occupied exclusively by students and employees of such educational institutions and officially recognized and approved by it; any housing operated or used exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational purposes; any housing owned by a governmental or non-profit agency and used to house its employees or for governmental or non-profit purposes; any camp as defined in the Labor Code; any low-impact camping area as defined in the Health and Safety Code; and any employee housing or other housing furnished by an employer exclusively for employees or employees and their families; single room occupancy units, as defined by Riverside County Ordinance No. 348; and any multiple owner group (MOG) unit.

Section 6. SHORT TERM RENTAL CERTIFICATE.

- a. A Responsible Operator shall obtain a Short Term Rental Certificate pursuant to this ordinance from the Planning Department before renting or advertising for rent any Short Term Rental.
- b. It is unlawful for any person to advertise, maintain, operate, or use a Short Term Rental in the unincorporated area of Riverside County without an active Short Term Rental Certificate, or in violation of the terms and conditions of the Certificate. Short Term Rental Certificates shall be renewed annually, and separate Short Term Rental Certificates are required for each Short Term Rental.
- c. The County will use reasonable efforts to coordinate with Hosting Platforms to ensure that a dwelling has been issued a Short Term Rental Certificate by the County before it can be listed for rent on the Hosting Platform.

Section 7. SHORT TERM RENTAL CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION FEE AND APPLICATION.

- a. Initial Application. A Responsible Operator shall submit to the Planning Department or its designee a Short Term Rental Certificate initial application provided by the

1 County and initial registration fee, in accordance with Riverside County Ordinance  
2 No. 671. The Planning Department or its designee may approve an initial application  
3 for a Short Term Rental Certificate only if all of the following requirements are met:

- 4 1. The Applicant submits a completed application with all required information  
5 pursuant to this Section;
- 6 2. For Short Term Rental properties in Wine Country, the additional  
7 requirements for initial applications, as described in Section 9 and Section  
8 11, are met;
- 9 3. For Short Term Rental properties in Idyllwild, the additional requirements  
10 for initial applications, as described in Section 10 and Section 11, are met;
- 11 4. The name, address, and telephone number of all Owner(s) and Responsible  
12 Operator(s) of the Short Term Rental property;
- 13 5. Executed indemnification and hold harmless agreement by all Owner(s) and  
14 Responsible Operator(s) on a standard form developed by the Planning  
15 Department and approved by the Office of County Counsel;
- 16 6. The application submitted is complete and includes written authorization  
17 from Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative granting permission to  
18 obtain a Short Term Rental Certificate for the property;
- 19 7. The initial registration fee is paid, in full in accordance with Riverside County  
20 Ordinance No. 671;
- 21 8. The Short Term Rental property has no active, ~~or pending,~~ or closed non-  
22 compliant Code Enforcement actions;
- 23 9. The Applicant declares the Short Term Rental is legally permitted and any  
24 other buildings, structures, grading, or other improvements to the property  
25 are legally permitted;
- 26 10. The Applicant declares Short Term Rental meets the requirements of a Short  
27 Term Rental, pursuant to Section 4 of this ordinance;
- 28 11. The Applicant declares Short Term Rental meets the applicability

requirements, pursuant to Section 5 of this ordinance;

12. The Applicant declares the Short Term Rental property is in compliance with all applicable health and safety laws, codes, or regulations, including, but not limited to, building, safety, fire, and health;

13. The County determines the maximum number of occupants for the Short Term Rental;

14. The Applicant identifies all Responsible Operators for the Short Term Rental;

15. The Applicant agrees to comply with all requirements of this ordinance;

16. The Applicant and all Responsible Operator(s) complete a self-certification test provided by the County related to understanding and agreeing to compliance with the provisions of this ordinance;

17. Within 30 days of the County's receipt of an initial application, the County is authorized to verify the Short Term Rental has the required sign, adequate on-site parking, and working Noise Monitor system, pursuant to Sections 8 and 11 of this ordinance. A Responsible Operator shall be available at the intended Short Term Rental property within sixty (60) minutes of the County's request for an exterior inspection to verify the requirements have been met;

18. Any Responsible Operator(s) has not received three (3) ~~Verified~~ Notices-of ~~Violation~~ within a twelve (12) month period;

19. Any Responsible Operator(s) has not received seven (7) ~~Verified~~ Notices-of ~~Violation~~ in total for the Short Term Rental; and,

20. The Short Term Rental Certificate has not been permanently revoked as to the current Owner(s), pursuant to Section 11 of this ordinance.

b. A Short Term Rental Certificate shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance.

c. Annual Renewal. A Short Term Rental Certificate is subject to renewal on an annual basis based on the anniversary of the original Short Term Rental Certificate issuance by submitting to the Planning Department or its designee a request for renewal and

1 a renewal fee, in accordance with Riverside County Ordinance No. 671. The  
2 Planning Department or its designee may approve a renewal of a Short Term Rental  
3 Certificate only if all of the following requirements are met:

- 4 1. The Applicant submits a completed application with all required information  
5 pursuant to this Section;
- 6 2. The Applicant meets all requirements for the initial application, as described  
7 in Subsection a of this Section;
- 8 3. For Short Term Rental properties in Wine Country, the additional  
9 requirements for renewals, as described in Section 9 and Section 11, are met;
- 10 4. For Short Term Rental properties in Idyllwild, the additional requirements  
11 for renewals, as described in Section 10 and Section 11, are met;
- 12 5. The renewal fee is paid in full, in accordance with Riverside County  
13 Ordinance No. 671;
- 14 6. The Applicant provides information concerning any changes to the initial  
15 application or prior renewal for the Short Term Rental Certificate;
- 16 7. The Applicant declares the Short Term Rental property is in compliance with  
17 all provisions of this ordinance and all other applicable laws;
- 18 8. The Applicant and all Responsible Operator(s) complete a self-certification  
19 test provided by the County on the requirements and compliance with the  
20 provisions of this ordinance. Completion of the self-certification test is  
21 required with each renewal of the Short Term Rental Certificate;
- 22 9. For Short Term Rental properties that have been the subject of a Notice of  
23 Violation within the past twelve (12) months, within 30 days of the County's  
24 receipt of the renewal fee, the County is authorized to verify the Short Term  
25 Rental has the required sign, adequate on-site parking, and working Noise  
26 Monitor system, pursuant to Sections 8 and 11 of this ordinance. A  
27 Responsible Operator shall be available at the intended Short Term Rental  
28 property within sixty (60) minutes of the County's request for an exterior

inspection to verify the requirements have been met;

10. Any Responsible Operator(s) has not received three (3) ~~Verified Notices of Violation Notices~~ within a twelve (12) month period for the Short Term Rental;

11. Any Responsible Operator(s) has not received seven (7) ~~Verified Notices of Violation Notices~~ in total for the Short Term Rental; and,

12. The Short Term Rental Certificate has not been permanently revoked and/or suspended as to the current Owner(s), pursuant to Section 11 of this ordinance.

d. For Short Term Rental properties located within Wine Country or Idyllwild, renewals are not subject to lottery selection, as described in Section 11 of this ordinance.

e. Denial of a Short Term Rental Certificate is appealable to an administrative hearing officer in accordance with the administrative hearing procedures in Section 10 of Riverside County Ordinance No. 725.

f. In the event that a Short Term Rental Certificate has been expired for ~~960~~ days or more, a new initial application and initial registration fee, in accordance with Riverside County Ordinance No. 671 is required.

g. No Transfer of a Short Term Rental Certificate.

1. Short Term Rental Certificates do not run with the land. A Short Term Rental Certificate shall expire automatically when the Owner or responsible party for the Short Term Rental or Short Term Rental property changes, and a new initial application and initial registration fee, in accordance with Riverside County Ordinance No. 671, will be required to obtain a new Short Term Rental Certificate for the property.

2. Exception for Family Transfer in Wine Country and Idyllwild: Short Term Rental Certificates in Wine Country and Idyllwild, only, may be transferred when the Owner(s) of the Short Term Rental property transfers title of the property to a Family Member, heir, inter vivos trust, family trust, or other

1 similar type of trust estate and only when the property meets the Short Term  
2 Rental requirements, as described in Section 9 or Section 10, as applicable.  
3 Within 180 days from the date of recordation of the property transfer, the new  
4 Owner(s) is required file a complete transfer application with the Planning  
5 Department to legally transfer the name of the Short Term Rental Certificate  
6 to the new Owner. If the deadline is not met, the Short Term Rental  
7 Certificate shall expire automatically and a new initial application and initial  
8 registration fee, in accordance with Riverside County Ordinance No. 671,  
9 will be required to obtain a new Short Term Rental Certificate for the  
10 property.

- 11 h. The County may use the registration fees to cover any County costs for administering  
12 or enforcing this ordinance, including the County's Short Term Rental Program  
13 Manager.
- 14 i. Any declaration made by the Applicant as part of the Short Term Rental Certificate  
15 initial application or renewal process is subject to further review and/or investigation  
16 for confirmation by the Planning Department or its designee. The Applicant may also  
17 be required to submit records demonstrating compliance with this Section, upon  
18 request by the Planning Department or its designee. Any material misstatement or  
19 omission in a Short Term Rental Certificate initial application or renewal is grounds  
20 for denial or revocation of a Short Term Rental Certificate.

21 Section 8. SHORT TERM RENTAL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

- 22 a. No person shall conduct, cause, allow, authorize, permit, facilitate, aid, abet, suffer,  
23 conceal, maintain, or advertise any Short Term Rental activity that does not comply  
24 with the provisions of this ordinance.
- 25 b. The Responsible Operator(s) shall ensure that the Short Term Rental is used in a  
26 manner that complies with this ordinance and all applicable laws, rules, and  
27 regulations pertaining to the use and occupancy of a Short Term Rental.
- 28 c. The Short Term Rental shall not be used for any temporary event, as defined in

1 Riverside County Ordinance No. 348, or any commercial activity, which includes  
2 but is not limited to, weddings, receptions, corporate retreats, business meetings or  
3 conferences, filming, photography shoots, parties or any similar activities, unless a  
4 temporary event permit has first been issued by the Planning Department to ~~obtained~~  
5 ~~by~~ the Responsible Operator, in accordance with Riverside County Ordinance No.  
6 348.

7 d. The Short Term Rental shall be rented for occupancy for less than thirty (30)  
8 consecutive calendar days and twenty-nine (29) nights total, but not less than two (2)  
9 consecutive days and one (1) night, which includes counting portions of calendar  
10 days as full days. Short Term Rentals shall not be rented on an hourly basis.

11 e. Any advertising that promotes the Short Term Rental for a use that is not permitted  
12 is prohibited.

13 e.f. Responsible Guests of a Short Term Rental in all areas of the County, except Wine  
14 Country, must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

15 f.g. A Responsible Operator shall only enter into or ensure the Hosting Platform only  
16 enters into one Booking Transaction to rent the Short Term Rental to one Responsible  
17 Guest for a specified period of time, unless the Responsible Operator is operating a  
18 Hosted Stay. A Responsible Operator may enter into or allow a Hosting Platform to  
19 enter into multiple Booking Transactions to rent the Short Term Rental for a Hosted  
20 Stay, provided that the number of rooms rented does not exceed five (5) and the  
21 occupancy of the Short Term Rental does not exceed the limits described by the Short  
22 Term Rental Certificate and this ordinance.

23 g.h. If a lot contains multiple one family dwellings, only one Short Term Rental  
24 Certificate may be issued for that lot. In this event, the multiple one family dwellings  
25 shall be rented together to a Responsible Guest as one Short Term Rental. Multiple  
26 one family dwellings on a lot does not increase the maximum occupancy of the Short  
27 Term Rental as defined in this ordinance.

28 h.i. Occupancy.



1. The occupancy of a Short Term Rental is limited to 200 square feet per person, up to a maximum number of occupants that is determined by the size of the property, as follows:
  - i. For properties of one half (½) acre or less in size, the maximum number of occupants shall not exceed ten (10) persons;
  - ii. For properties of more than one half (½) acre and up to two (2) gross acres in size, the maximum number of occupants shall not exceed sixteen (16) persons;
  - iii. For properties of over two (2) gross acres in size, the maximum number of occupants shall not exceed twenty (20) persons.
2. Responsible Operators of Short Term Rentals exceeding an occupancy of ten (10) persons shall comply with the pre-approved list of upgrades to the Short Term Rental from the County Building Official, as approved by the County Executive Office.
3. For Short Term Rental properties located in Wine Country, the occupancy limits described in this Subsection are further limited by the Short Term Rental Classification requirements, as described in Section 9 of this ordinance.

~~i.~~j. A Responsible Operator shall provide adequate on-site parking spaces to accommodate the maximum number of occupants approved with the Short Term Rental Certificate. Off-site parking is not permitted for Short Term Rentals.

~~j.~~k. Responsible Operators, Responsible Guests, and other occupants of the Short Term Rental shall each comply with the noise requirements of Riverside County Ordinance No. 847, including quiet hours between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM, and Riverside County Ordinance No. 924, related to loud or unruly parties, gatherings, or other similar events. Outdoor amplified sound, generally defined as any sound that is increased by any amplified equipment or sound that is electronically enhanced, must comply with the provisions of Riverside County Ordinance No. 847. The

1 Responsible Operator shall use reasonably prudent business practices to ensure that  
2 the Guests or other occupants of the Short Term Rental comply with Riverside  
3 County Ordinance Nos. 847 and 924.

4 ~~k.l.~~ l.m. A Responsible Operator shall install and maintain in continuous operation a Noise  
5 Monitor on the exterior of the Short Term Rental to ensure compliance with  
6 Riverside County Ordinance No. 847.

7 ~~l.m.~~ l.m. Responsible Operators, Responsible Guests, and other occupants of the Short Term  
8 Rental shall each comply with Riverside County Ordinance No. 915 Regulating  
9 Outdoor Lighting, including light trespass.

10 ~~m.n.~~ m.n. Outdoor fire areas shall be permissible only when not otherwise prohibited by state  
11 or local fire bans, regulations, rules, or guidelines. When legally permissible, outdoor  
12 fire areas shall be located on a non-combustible surface and extinguished as soon as  
13 it is no longer in use or by 10:00 p.m., whichever is earlier.

14 ~~n.o.~~ n.o. Pets, if allowed by a Responsible Operator, shall be secured at all times on the  
15 property of the Short Term Rental. Continual barking or other nuisances created by  
16 pets are prohibited under all applicable laws, including Riverside County Ordinance  
17 No. 878.

18 ~~o.p.~~ o.p. Trash and refuse shall not be left stored within public view, except in proper  
19 containers for purposes of collection by the County's authorized waste hauler.

20 Responsible Operators, Responsible Guests, and other occupants of the Short Term  
21 Rental shall each comply with Riverside County Ordinance No 745.

22 ~~p.q.~~ p.q. Snow Removal.

23 1. Snow removed from private driveways and parking lots of a Short Term  
24 Rental may not be dumped, deposited, or placed or pushed into a street or  
25 other public right-of-way, except to the extent that such activity shall not  
26 increase the depth of snow on the street or right-of-way by over three inches  
27 at any point within the right-of-way.

28 2. Snow removed from the Short Term Rental may not be piled to block or cover

1 a fire hydrant, standpipe, or other water delivery service for fire protection.

2 ~~¶~~r. Each Short Term Rental shall have a Responsible Operator readily available to  
3 handle any questions or complaints during all Short Term Rental activities. Any  
4 change to the contact information for a Responsible Operator of a Short Term Rental  
5 shall immediately be provided in writing to the Planning Department, to neighboring  
6 properties within three hundred feet of the Short Term Rental, and on any postings  
7 required by this ordinance.

8 ~~¶~~s. Short Term Rentals shall not be allowed in private residential dwelling units that  
9 violate any applicable health or safety laws, rules or regulations, including, but not  
10 limited to, building, safety, fire, or health, or in tents, recreational vehicles,  
11 treehouses, yurts, non-habitable structures, or other structures not intended for  
12 permanent residential occupancy.

13 ~~s.~~t. The Responsible Operator shall identify or cause to be identified in any rental  
14 agreements for the Short Term Rental and in any Short Term Rental advertisements  
15 (including in any newspaper, magazine, brochure, hosting platform, or internet  
16 website) the following general information and requirements of the Responsible  
17 Guests and all occupants:

- 18 1. Current and valid Short Term Rental Certificate number;
- 19 2. Transient occupancy tax registration certificate number;
- 20 3. Number of onsite parking spaces provided and that no offsite parking is  
21 permissible;
- 22 4. Maximum occupancy of the Short Term Rental; and,
- 23 5. Age requirement of Responsible Guests, in compliance with this ordinance.

24 ~~t.~~u. Short Term Rental activity is subject to, and the Responsible Operator(s) shall  
25 comply with, or ensure the Hosting Platform(s) complies with, Riverside County  
26 Ordinance No. 495, the Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance and any  
27 applicable assessments, including TBIDs and TMDs.

28 ~~¶~~v. The Responsible Operator shall post or cause to be posted in a prominent location on

1 the interior of the Short Term Rental the following information, in accordance with  
2 all applicable laws and the provisions of this ordinance:

- 3 1. Responsible Operator name and number;
- 4 2. Local Contact Person name and number;
- 5 3. The telephone number for the Sheriff's Department, Short Term Rental  
6 Manager, and the Code Enforcement Department, including the 24-hour  
7 Code Enforcement Department telephone number;
- 8 4. The website information for Rivco Ready, in the event of an emergency;
- 9 5. Evacuation plan for the Short Term Rental showing emergency fire  
10 extinguisher locations, interior pedestrian exit routes, and exterior vehicular  
11 exit routes;
- 12 6. The maximum number and precise location of onsite parking spaces;
- 13 7. A copy of the Short Term Rental Operational Requirements described in  
14 Section 8 of this ordinance;
- 15 8. Trash pick-up day and applicable rules and regulations;
- 16 9. A copy of Riverside County Ordinances No. 847 and 927;
- 17 10. A copy of the Good Neighbor Brochure; and
- 18 11. Notification that a Responsible Operator or Guest may be cited or fined by  
19 the County in accordance with this ordinance and Riverside County  
20 Ordinance No. 725.

21 ~~v.w.~~ W. A Short Term Rental shall not change the residential character of the property, except  
22 for the required exterior onsite Short Term Rental sign. The Responsible Operator  
23 shall post one (1) identification sign, measuring two square feet in area or one foot  
24 by two foot in size, in the exterior of the Short Term Rental in a place that is readily  
25 visible from the public view. Any other advertising signs promoting or identifying  
26 the Short Term Rental or otherwise shall only be permitted as otherwise authorized  
27 under Riverside County Ordinance No. 348. The required identification sign shall  
28 be posted onsite at the Short Term Rental in a location that is clearly visible, and

1 shall clearly state the following information in lettering of sufficient size to be easily  
2 read from the public right of way:

- 3 1. Current Short Term Rental Certificate number for the property;
- 4 2. Name of the Responsible Operator and a telephone number at which the  
5 Responsible Operator may be reached on a 24-hour basis;
- 6 3. Maximum number of occupants permitted to stay in the rental unit; and
- 7 4. Telephone number of the County's 24-hour Code Enforcement Department  
8 telephone number.

9 w-x. While a Short Term Rental is rented, the Responsible Operator shall be available  
10 twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, for the purpose of responding to  
11 complaints regarding the condition or operation of the Short Term Rental or Guests'  
12 conduct at the Short Term Rental in accordance with Section 10 of this ordinance.

13 x-y. Prior to a Responsible Guest occupying a Short Term Rental, the Responsible  
14 Operator shall do all of the following:

- 15 1. Obtain the name, address, and copy of a valid government identification of  
16 the Responsible Guest;
- 17 2. Provide a copy of the Good Neighbor Brochure to the Responsible Guest;
- 18 3. Require each Responsible Guest to review and sign a copy of the Good  
19 Neighbor Brochure and an acknowledgment of having viewed the Good  
20 Neighbor video prior to occupancy of the Short Term Rental; and,
- 21 4. Require the Responsible Guest to execute a formal acknowledgement that he  
22 or she is legally responsible for compliance by all Guests or occupant(s) of  
23 the Short Term Rental with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations  
24 pertaining to the use and occupancy of the Short Term Rental.

25 y. A Responsible Operator shall respond within sixty (60) minutes of being notified that  
26 the Responsible Guest or a Guest of the Short Term Rental created unreasonable  
27 noise, engaged in disorderly conduct, or committed violations of any applicable law,  
28 rule, or regulation, including this ordinance, and halt or prevent the recurrence of

1 such conduct. The Responsible Operator shall be subject to all administrative, legal,  
2 and equitable remedies available to the County for failing to respond to the County  
3 within sixty (60) minutes.

4 Section 9. OWNERSHIP AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WINE COUNTRY.

5 a. Applicability. Property within Wine Country shall comply with the ownership and  
6 operational requirements for Short Term Rentals outlined in this section.

7 b. Conflicting regulations. If any section of this ordinance is in conflict with any other  
8 section of this ordinance, then the more stringent requirements shall control.

9 ~~c.~~ Responsible Guests. Responsible Guests of a Short Term Rental in Wine Country  
10 must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age.

11 ~~e.d.~~ Minimum Number of Rentals. To maintain a Short Term Rental Certificate in Wine  
12 Country, Responsible Operators must rent their Short Term Rental to Guests a  
13 minimum of four (4) times per year.

14 ~~d.e.~~ Limitation on Ownership of Short Term Rentals in Wine Country. No Owner or  
15 Owner Entity shall hold more than two (2) Short Term Rental Certificates  
16 simultaneously in Wine Country. "Holding" a Short Term Rental Certificate shall  
17 be defined to include the Owner, Owner Entity, and any ownership interest, or  
18 responsible person for the ownership interest of the Owner or Owner Entity.

19 1. Exception. The limitations of this Subsection shall not apply or be enforced  
20 against any Owner or Owner Entity that holds more than two (2) Short Term  
21 Rental Certificates simultaneously in Wine Country as of the effective date  
22 of this ordinance. These Owners and Owner Entities may continue to renew  
23 their existing valid Short Term Rental Certificates so long as the Responsible  
24 Operator(s) complies with the provisions of this ordinance. However, these  
25 Owners and Owner Entities shall not be approved for any additional Short  
26 Term Rental Certificates in Wine Country until they are in compliance with  
27 the limitations of this Subsection. These Owners and Owner Entities may  
28 seek additional Short Term Rental Certificates for properties which are not

located in Wine Country.

e.f. Short Term Rental Classifications for Wine Country. The following Short Term Rental classifications are allowed in the Wine Country districts, as specified below, subject to all approval requirements for a Short Term Rental Certificate.

1. Wine Country – Winery District.

- i. Short Term Rental Class I is allowed.
- ii. Short Term Rental Class II is allowed with the following additional requirements:
  - (1) At least fifty percent (50%) of the Short Term Rental property net acreage shall be planted with vineyards or other agricultural crop(s);
  - (2) Adherence to the County's pre-approved list of upgrades to the Short Term Rental from the County Building Official, as approved by the County Executive Office, as described in Section 8; and,
  - (3) Submittal of a site plan, subject to ministerial review by the County.

2. Wine Country – Equestrian District.

- i. Short Term Rental Class I is allowed.
- ii. Short Term Rental Class II is not allowed.
- iii. Limited Stay on Enforcement for the Wine Country – Equestrian District. The County shall not enforce the provisions of this Subsection against Short Term Rental properties which have existing Booking Transactions, as of the effective date of this ordinance, for an occupancy that exceeds the limits of Short Term Rental Class I. This provision shall terminate automatically at 11:59 p.m. on the 180<sup>th</sup> day after the effective date of this ordinance.

3. Wine Country – Residential District and North Wine Country.

- i. Short Term Rental Class I is allowed.
- ii. Short Term Rental Class II is not allowed.
- iii. Limited Stay on Enforcement for the Wine Country – Residential District and North Wine Country. The County shall not enforce the provisions of this Subsection against Short Term Rental properties which have existing Booking Transactions, as of the effective date of this ordinance, for an occupancy that exceeds the limits of Short Term Rental Class I. This provision shall terminate automatically at 11:59 p.m. on the 180<sup>th</sup> day after the effective date of this ordinance.

f.g. Short Term Rental Caps for Wine Country. The Short Term Rental Cap for Wine Country shall be determined by a percentage of parcels with existing single family residential units within the Wine Country districts as specified below, as of the effective date of this ordinance.

1. Wine Country – Winery District. The maximum combined number of Short Term Rentals in this district shall be no more than 129, which equates to approximately 17 percent of the existing number of single family residential units in the Wine Country – Winery District.
2. Wine Country – Equestrian District. The maximum number of Short Term Rentals in this district shall be no more than 8, which equates to approximately 8 percent of the existing number of single family residential units in the Wine Country – Equestrian District.
3. Wine Country – Residential District. The maximum number of Short Term Rentals in this district shall be no more than 105, which equates to approximately 10.5 percent of the existing number of single family residential units in the Wine Country – Residential District.
4. North Wine Country. The maximum number of Short Term Rentals in this area shall be no more than 16, which equates to approximately 19% of the existing number of single family residential units in North Wine Country.



1                   5.     Exception. The Short Term Rental Caps described in this Subsection shall  
2                                   not apply or be enforced against any Owner who has an approved Short Term  
3                                   Rental Certificate as of the effective date of this ordinance.

4     g.h.     Short Term Rental Density Requirements for Wine Country. Short Term Rental  
5                   properties shall not be located within a 500-foot radius of any other Short Term  
6                   Rental property. The 500-foot radius shall be measured from the property line of the  
7                   desired Short Term Rental. The County shall deny the Short Term Rental Certificate,  
8                   if the 500-foot radius from the desired Short Term Rental property includes any  
9                   portion of a property with an approved Short Term Rental Certificate.

10                  1.     Exception. The limitations of this Subsection shall not apply or be enforced  
11                                   against any Owner who has an approved Short Term Rental that does not  
12                                   meet the requirements of this Subsection as of the effective date of this  
13                                   ordinance or Eligible Properties selected in Tier 1. Current Short Term Rental  
14                   Certificate holders may continue to renew their valid Short Term Rental  
15                   Certificates so long as the Responsible Operator(s) complies with the  
16                   provisions of this ordinance. Eligible Properties selected in Tier 1 may obtain  
17                   a Short Term Rental Certificate so long as they comply with all other  
18                   application requirements of this ordinance. However, any new Short Term  
19                   Rental Certificates will not be granted for properties within 500 feet of any  
20                   property with a valid Short Term Rental Certificate in Wine Country.

21     Section 10.    OWNERSHIP AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IDYLLWILD.

22                  a.     Applicability. Property within Idyllwild shall comply with the ownership and  
23                                   operational requirements for Short Term Rentals outlined in this section.

24                  b.     Conflicting regulations. If any section of this ordinance is in conflict with any other  
25                                   section of this ordinance, then the more stringent requirements shall control.

26                  c.     Minimum Number of Rentals. To maintain a Short Term Rental Certificate in  
27                                   Idyllwild, Responsible Operators must rent their Short Term Rental to Guests a  
28                                   minimum of four (4) times per year.

e.d. Limitation on Ownership of Short Term Rentals in Idyllwild. No Owner or Owner Entity shall hold more than two (2) Short Term Rental Certificates simultaneously in Idyllwild. “Holding” a Short Term Rental Certificate shall be defined to include the Owner, Owner Entity, and any ownership interest, or responsible person for the ownership interest of the Owner or Owner Entity.

1. Exception. The limitations of this Subsection shall not apply or be enforced against any Owner or Owner Entity that holds more than two (2) Short Term Rental Certificates simultaneously in Idyllwild as of the effective date of this ordinance. These Owners and Owner Entities may continue to renew their existing valid Short Term Rental Certificates so long as the Responsible Operator(s) complies with the provisions of this ordinance. However, these Owners and Owner Entities shall not be approved for any additional Short Term Rental Certificates in Idyllwild until they are in compliance with the limitations of this Subsection. These Owners and Owner Entities may seek additional Short Term Rental Certificates for properties which are not located in Idyllwild.

e.e. Short Term Rental Caps for Idyllwild. The Short Term Rental Cap for Idyllwild shall be determined by a percentage of parcels with existing single family residential units in Idyllwild, as of the effective date of this ordinance. The maximum number of Short Term Rentals in Idyllwild shall be no more than 500, which equates to approximately 14 percent of the existing number of single family residential units in Idyllwild, as of the effective date of this ordinance.

1. Exception. The Short Term Rental Caps described in this Subsection shall not apply or be enforced against any Owner who has an approved Short Term Rental Certificate as of the effective date of this ordinance.

e.f. Short Term Rental Density Requirements for Idyllwild. Short Term Rental properties shall not be located within a 150 foot radius of any other Short Term Rental property. The 150 foot radius shall be measured from the property line of the desired Short

1 Term Rental. The County shall deny the Short Term Rental Certificate, if the 150  
2 foot radius from the desired Short Term Rental property includes any portion of a  
3 property with an approved Short Term Rental Certificate.

- 4 1. Exception. The limitations of this Subsection shall not apply or be enforced  
5 against any Owner who has an approved Short Term Rental that does not  
6 meet the requirements of this Subsection as of the effective date of this  
7 ordinance or Eligible Properties selected in Tier 1. Current Short Term Rental  
8 Certificate holders may continue to renew their valid Short Term Rental  
9 Certificates so long as the Responsible Operator(s) complies with the  
10 provisions of this ordinance. Eligible Properties selected in Tier 1 may obtain  
11 a Short Term Rental Certificate so long as they comply with all other  
12 application requirements of this ordinance. However, any new Short Term  
13 Rental Certificates will not be granted for properties within 150 feet of any  
14 property with a valid Short Term Rental Certificate in Idyllwild.

15 Section 11. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR IDYLLWILD AND  
16 WINE COUNTRY.

- 17 a. Additional Application Requirements for Initial Applications. Applicants seeking an  
18 initial Short Term Rental Certificate for a property located in Wine Country or  
19 Idyllwild, must meet the following additional requirements:

- 20 1. The Applicant provides the following information:
- 21 i. Names and addresses of all Short Term Rental Certificates held by all  
22 Owner or Owner Entities, including all ownership interests and  
23 responsible parties for all ownership interests, of the Short Term  
24 Rental property in Wine Country or Idyllwild; and,
- 25 ii. For all Owner Entities of the Short Term Rental property, disclosure  
26 of the names of all ownership interests within each level of the Owner  
27 Entity structure and responsible parties for all ownership interests.
- 28 2. The desired Short Term Rental meets all of the requirements for the

1 applicable location (for Wine Country, Section 9 of this ordinance, and for  
2 Idyllwild, Section 10 of this ordinance) including, but not limited to, the  
3 following:

- 4 i. Is selected as an Eligible Property pursuant to this Section 11;
- 5 ii. Meets the limitation on ownership of two (2) Short Term Rental  
6 Certificates, as described in Section 9 or Section 10, as applicable;
- 7 iii. For Wine Country only, meets the Short Term Rental classification  
8 requirements for the district in which the property is located, as  
9 described in Section 9; and,
- 10 iv. Meets the Short Term Rental density requirements, as described in  
11 Section 9 or Section 10, as applicable.

12 3. Eligible Properties. The County shall implement a two-tiered process to  
13 select Eligible Properties for areas of Wine Country and Idyllwild.

- 14 i. Tier 1: A property that has not been issued a Short Term Rental  
15 Certificate but the Owner(s) or Responsible Operator(s) paid  
16 Transient Occupancy Taxes for the property by registering with the  
17 County or Airbnb, only, for the entire period of operation from  
18 September 13, 2021 to September 13, 2022.

19 (1) Exception: North Wine Country properties are not eligible for  
20 Tier 1.

- 21 ii. Tier 2: Any property that does not meet the qualifications for Tier 1,  
22 as described above, or any Tier 1 property that does not obtain a Short  
23 Term Rental Certificate in Tier 1.
  - 24 iii. The selection process for Tier 1 Eligible Properties shall occur before  
25 the selection process for Tier 2 Eligible Properties.
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1                   iv.     Selection Process for Tier 1 Eligible Properties. After the effective  
2                   date of this ordinance, the County shall conduct a one-time selection  
3                   for Tier 1 properties.

4                   (1)     The County shall publish notice of the Tier 1 application  
5                   period on the Riverside County Planning Department website  
6                   for at least 15 days prior to opening the application period.  
7                   After the 15-day notice period, the County will open the  
8                   application period for 90 days and close it at 11:59 p.m. on the  
9                   90th day. Once the application period closes, the County shall  
10                  verify whether the applications meet the Tier 1 requirements,  
11                  in accordance with this Section. Only qualified Tier 1  
12                  applications shall have the opportunity to be selected as  
13                  Eligible Properties.

14                  (2)     If the number of qualified Tier 1 applications received does  
15                  not exceed the Tier 1 Cap, then all verified Tier 1 properties  
16                  shall become Eligible Properties. Once selected, Eligible  
17                  Properties in Tier 1 must meet all the Short Term Rental  
18                  application requirements of Section 7 and the additional  
19                  application requirements in this Section 11.

20                  (3)     However, if the number of qualified Tier 1 applications  
21                  received exceeds the Tier 1 Cap, the County shall implement  
22                  a lottery to select Eligible Properties up to the Tier 1 Cap.  
23                  Once selected, Eligible Properties must meet all the Short  
24                  Term Rental application requirements of Section 7 and the  
25                  additional application requirements in this Section 11. If any  
26                  Eligible Property does not meet all of the application  
27                  requirements in Section 7 and Section 11, then the County  
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1 shall not issue a Short Term Rental Certificate for that  
2 property. In that case, the County shall utilize the same set of  
3 qualified Tier 1 applications and use the lottery system to  
4 select another Eligible Property and determine whether it  
5 meets the application requirements of Section 7 and Section  
6 11. This process shall continue until the number of Short Term  
7 Rental Certificates issued reaches no more than 10 additional  
8 properties beyond the Short Term Rental Cap.

- 9 (4) Any Tier 1 properties that do not receive a Short Term Rental  
10 Certificate in Tier 1 shall become Tier 2 properties and may  
11 choose to participate in the selection process for Tier 2  
12 Eligible Properties.

13 v. Selection Process for Tier 2 Eligible Properties. After the one-time  
14 Tier 1 selection is complete, in areas of the County in which the  
15 number of valid Short Term Rental Certificates is less than the Short  
16 Term Rental Cap, the County shall implement a lottery to select  
17 Eligible Properties from Tier 2.

- 18 (1) In January and July of each calendar year, the County shall  
19 evaluate whether the number of Short Term Rental  
20 Certificates falls below the Short Term Rental Cap in  
21 Idyllwild, as described in Section 10, or Wine Country, as  
22 described in Section 9. The County shall publish notice of the  
23 lottery application period on the Riverside County Planning  
24 Department website for at least 30 days prior to opening the  
25 Short Term Rental application period. After the 30 day notice  
26 period, the County will open the application period for 30 days  
27 and close it at 11:59 p.m. on the 30th day. Once the application  
28 period closes, the County shall use a lottery system to select

1 Eligible Properties from the submitted applications.

2 (2) Once the Short Term Rental Cap is reached for a particular  
3 area, the County shall not select any more Eligible Properties  
4 for that area until the number of Short Term Rental  
5 Certificates falls below the Short Term Rental Cap.

6 (3) Once selected, Eligible Properties must meet all the Short  
7 Term Rental application requirements of Section 7 and the  
8 additional application requirements in this Section 11. If any  
9 Eligible Property does not meet all of the application  
10 requirements in Section 7 and Section 11, then the County  
11 shall not issue a Short Term Rental Certificate for that  
12 property. In that case, the County shall utilize the same set of  
13 submitted applications and use the lottery system to select  
14 another Eligible Property and determine whether it meets the  
15 application requirements of Section 7 and Section 11. This  
16 process shall continue until the number of Short Term Rental  
17 Certificates issued reaches the Short Term Rental Cap.

18 b. Additional Requirements for Renewal Applications. Applicants seeking a renewal of  
19 a Short Term Rental Certificate for a property located in Idyllwild or Wine Country,  
20 must meet the additional requirements for initial applications, as described in this  
21 Section 11.

22 Section 12. TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS.

23 The Responsible Operator(s) shall comply with or ensure the Hosting Platform(s) complies with all  
24 the requirements of Riverside County Ordinance No. 495, the Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax  
25 Ordinance. For the purposes of Riverside County Ordinance No. 495 only, a Short Term Rental shall  
26 qualify as a “hotel.” The Responsible Operator(s) shall be legally responsible for the collection of all  
27 applicable Transient Occupancy taxes and assessments, including TBIDs and TMDs, from the Responsible  
28 Guest(s) and remittance of such collected taxes and assessments to the Treasurer Tax-Collector, in

1 accordance with Riverside County Ordinance No. 495 and any other applicable law. The Treasurer Tax-  
2 Collector shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this section and Riverside County  
3 Ordinance No. 495 and shall have no other enforcement duties related to this ordinance beyond these  
4 responsibilities.

5 Section 13. NOTIFICATION AND COMPLAINTS.

6 a. Notification.

7 1. Within ten (10) days of approval of a Short Term Rental Certificate, a  
8 Responsible Operator shall provide written notice that a Short Term Rental  
9 Certificate was obtained for the property, as follows:

10 i. For Short Term Rental properties of less than five (5) gross acres in  
11 size, Responsible Operators shall provide notice to owners of all  
12 properties located within a 300 foot radius of the Short Term Rental  
13 property;

14 ii. For Short Term Rental properties of five (5) gross acres or more in  
15 size, Responsible Operators shall provide notice to owners of all  
16 properties located within a 600 foot radius of the Short Term Rental  
17 property.

18 2. Such notification shall also include the Responsible Operator's contact  
19 information. In the event of a change in the provided contact information,  
20 new notification with the updated information shall be provided in the same  
21 manner.

22 3. All notification costs shall be borne by the Responsible Operator.

23 b. Initial complaints regarding Short Term Rental violations on a property pursuant to  
24 this ordinance will ~~generally~~ be directed to the Responsible Operator. ~~The~~Upon  
25 receipt of any complaint, the Responsible Operator for the Short Term Rental shall  
26 be responsible for correcting the violation promptly, which includes, within ~~six~~thirty  
27 ~~(60)~~30 minutes, ~~notifying~~speaking with a Code Enforcement representative to notify  
28 them of the received complaint, contacting the Responsible Guest to correct the



violation<sub>2</sub> and visiting the site, if necessary, to ensure that the violation has been corrected. Within sixty (60) minutes of receipt of any additional complaint within the same twenty-four (24) hour period, the Responsible Operator for the Short Term Rental shall meet with a Code Enforcement Officer on site to ensure that the violation has been corrected. Failure to respond to complaints, notify Code Enforcement, or meet with a Code Enforcement Officer as described in this section~~within sixty (60) minutes~~ shall be considered a violation of this ordinance, and may constitute cause for suspension and/or revocation of the Short Term Rental Certificate.

- c. If the Responsible Operator fails to respond to the Short Term Rental violation within the designated time in Subsection b of this Section or the subject of the complaint needs to be corrected immediately due to health and safety concerns, such as blocked driveways, blocked streets, or excessive noise during quiet hours, the complainant may make a complaint to the 24-hour Code Enforcement Department telephone number. Occupants of surrounding properties shall be apprised of this complaint procedure as part of the notification requirements of this section.
- d. For complaints related to the issuance of a Short Term Rental Certificate and compliance with this ordinance should be directed to the Planning Department.
- e. The Responsible Operator shall be subject to all administrative, legal, and equitable remedies available to the County for failure to comply with the provisions of this section.

Section 14. INSPECTIONS, ADDITIONAL FEES, VIOLATIONS, ENFORCEMENT, FINES,  
AND PENALTIES.

a. Initial Inspections.

- 1. Initial Application. Prior to the County issuing a Short Term Rental Certificate, the County is authorized to conduct an initial inspection of the exterior of the intended Short Term Rental property within 30 days of the County's receipt of a Short Term Rental initial application and the

1 accompanying initial registration fee. A Responsible Operator shall be  
2 available at the intended Short Term Rental property within sixty (60)  
3 minutes of the County's request for this inspection.

4 2. Renewal. For Short Term Rental properties that have been the subject of ~~any~~  
5 ~~Notice of Violation~~Notice within the past twelve (12) months, prior to the  
6 County renewing the related Short Term Rental Certificate, the County is  
7 authorized to conduct an inspection of the exterior of the Short Term Rental  
8 property within 30 days of the County's receipt of the accompanying renewal  
9 fee. A Responsible Operator shall be available at the intended Short Term  
10 Rental property within sixty (60) minutes of the County's request for this  
11 inspection.

12 3. Inspection. For inspections pursuant to this section, the County is authorized  
13 to verify by an exterior inspection of the Short Term Rental property that the  
14 Short Term Rental contains all of the following required by this ordinance:  
15 the exterior sign, adequate on-site parking for the maximum number of  
16 occupants allowed in the Short Term Rental, and a working Noise Monitor  
17 system.

18 b. Subsequent Inspections. The Code Enforcement Department may request subsequent  
19 exterior inspections of the Short Term Rental property at any time. Responsible  
20 Operator shall make all reasonable attempts to comply with the Code Enforcement  
21 Department's requests or the Short Term Rental may be deemed in violation of this  
22 ordinance.

23 c. Violations. Violations of this ordinance include, but are not limited to,

24 1. A Responsible Guest conducting, causing, allowing, authorizing, permitting,  
25 facilitating, aiding, abetting, suffering, concealing, or maintaining, any of the  
26 following:  
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28 i. Violation of the requirements for maximum occupancy, noise,

1 parking, lighting, outdoor fire area, pets, trash, or any other provision  
2 as set forth in this ordinance;

3 ii. Violation of any applicable laws, codes, or regulations related to  
4 health and safety, which includes, but is not limited to, building,  
5 safety, fire, or health; or,

6 iii. Any activity at any Short Term Rental that constitutes a public  
7 nuisance under applicable state or local law, or which otherwise  
8 constitute a hazard to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

9 2. A Responsible Operator conducting, causing, allowing, authorizing,  
10 permitting, facilitating, aiding, abetting, suffering, concealing or maintaining,  
11 any of the following:

12 i. Failure to take action to respond to a complaint pursuant to Section  
13 10 of this ordinance;

14 ii. Failure to notify Planning Department when the Responsible  
15 Operator or Local Contact Person's contact information changes;

16 iii. Violation of the maximum occupancy, noise, or any other  
17 requirements as set forth in this ordinance;

18 iv. Providing of false or misleading information on any Short Term  
19 Rental application, or other documentation required by this  
20 ordinance;

21 v. Advertisement of any property for Short Term Rental purposes  
22 without a valid County-issued Short Term Rental Certificate for the  
23 Short Term Rental;

24 vi. Completion of a Booking Transaction for a Short Term Rental  
25 without a valid County-issued Short Term Rental Certificate for the  
26 Short Term Rental;

27 vii. Completion of a Booking Transaction for a Short Term Rental when  
28 the related Short Term Rental Certificate has been expired, denied,

revoked, or suspended by the County;

viii. Violation of any applicable laws, codes or regulations related to health and safety, which includes, but is not limited to, building, safety, fire, or health; or,

ix. Any activity at any Short Term Rental that constitutes a public nuisance under applicable state or local law, or which otherwise constitute a hazard to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

d. Enforcement. In addition to any other remedies provided by law and unless otherwise specified by this ordinance, violations of this ordinance shall be enforced as authorized in Riverside County Ordinance No. 725. Violations of this ordinance shall be treated as a public nuisance and strict liability offense regardless of intent. Each day a violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense for which the County may issue a separate Notice of Violation. The Code Enforcement Director, or designee, shall have the authority to establish administrative procedures consistent with the provisions of this ordinance for carrying out and enforcing the requirements and the provisions of this ordinance. If any provision of this ordinance conflicts with any provision of any other Riverside County Ordinance, the more restrictive provision shall control. s, remedies and penalties for violation of this Ordinance, and for recovery of costs related to its enforcement are provided for in Riverside County Ordinance No. 725, which is incorporated herein by reference, except where more specific procedures, remedies, or penalties are specified in this Ordinance.

e. Administrative Citations. Violations of this ordinance shall be deemed a threat to the public health and safety and an infraction. Unless otherwise stated in this section, the administrative citation penalty procedures governing the imposition, enforcement, collection, and administrative review of an administrative citation shall be enforced as authorized in Riverside County Ordinance No. 725 and in accordance with California Government Code Section 53069.4. However, administrative citations

1 may be issued to a Responsible Guest without first issuing a Notice~~of Violation~~.  
2 Each day a violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate  
3 offense for which the County may issue a separate administrative citation. The  
4 County may issue an administrative citation against the Responsible Operator or  
5 Responsible Guest for any violation of this ordinance, as follows:

- 6 1. \$1,500.00 for a first violation of this ordinance;
- 7 2. \$3,000.00 for a second violation of this ordinance related to the same Short  
8 Term Rental within one year of the first violation; and
- 9 3. \$5,000.00 for each additional violation of this ordinance related to the same  
10 Short Term Rental within one year of the first violation.

11 f. Suspension or Revocation. At the reasonable discretion of the Planning Department  
12 Director and/or Code Enforcement Director, or designees, a Short Term Rental  
13 Certificate shall be temporarily suspended, or shall be permanently revoked, as to the  
14 current Owner(s) and a new Short Term Rental Certificate shall not be issued until  
15 all the Owner(s) of the property changes, subject to an administrative hearing~~officer~~  
16 in accordance with the administrative hearing procedures set forth in Section 10 of  
17 Riverside County Ordinance No. 725, if any of the following findings are made:

- 18 1. Any Responsible Operator(s) fails to comply with an order of any law  
19 enforcement officer;

20 2. Any Responsible Operator(s) fails to respond to complaints, notify Code  
21 Enforcement, or meet with a Code Enforcement Officer as described in  
22 Section 13.b of this Ordinance;

23 2.3. Any Responsible Operator(s) receives three (3) ~~Verified~~ Notices~~of Violation~~  
24 within a twelve (12) month period for the same Short Term Rental. If multiple  
25 Notices~~of Violation~~ are issued in a 24-hour period, only one Notices~~of~~  
26 ~~Violation~~ per 24-hour period may count towards the number of ~~Verified~~  
27 Notices~~of Violation~~ described in this subsection;

28 3.4. Any Responsible Operator(s) receives seven (7) ~~Verified~~ Notices~~of~~

~~Violation in~~ total for the same Short Term Rental. If multiple Notices ~~of Violation~~ are issued in a 24-hour period, only one Notice ~~of Violation~~ per 24-hour period may count towards the number of ~~Verified Notices of Violation~~ described in this subsection; ~~or,~~

5. Any Responsible Operator(s) receives a single Notice during a period of temporary suspension of their Short Term Rental Certificate;

6. The Short Term Rental Certificate was obtained by fraud or perjured testimony; or,

4.7. Where an Urgent Circumstance is deemed to exist by the Code Enforcement Director and/or Planning Director, or their designees, a Short Term Rental Certificate may be immediately suspended and/or revoked pursuant to the Summary Abatement process set forth in Ordinance No. 725.

Section 15. REFERENCES TO ORDINANCES. Any references herein to other Riverside County Ordinances shall include subsequent amendments made to that ordinance.

Section 16. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance of the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.”

Section 17. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY  
OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
CLERK OF THE BOARD:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM

December \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Braden Holly

Deputy County Counsel