



January 14, 2022

SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNERS
INDIO, CA 92201

Regarding: **NEW SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS AND PERMIT FEES**

Dear Short-term rental owner/operator:

Some Coachella Valley cities limit or prohibit short-term residential rental (STR) activity, but the Indio City Council continues to support homeowners' and their ability to rent property short-term for income. In order to better manage the expanding local STR industry and to keep the bad actors from spoiling the opportunity for others, last month the City Council adopted new STR regulations. You can read the ordinance on the City's website, just search Short-Term Rentals or Ordinance 1766.

The new ordinance establishes regulations to limit parking and noise impacts; mandates health and safety inspections every five years; requires conformity with neighborhood Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's); and enhances the City's ability to identify and prosecute violators of the ordinance. Under the new ordinance, neighbors within 500 feet of STRs will be notified when a new license is issued and receive information on how to report complaints. The ordinance also increases maximum overnight occupancy limits. In conjunction with the ordinance, the City Council approved the addition of five code enforcement officers, who will enforce the ordinance, including on nights and weekends.

In order to cover the cost of expanded regulations, STR permit fees will increase on February 15, 2022:

	<u>New STR Permits</u>	<u>Annual STR Renewals</u>
Business License Fee	\$84	\$42
Code Compliance Fee	\$223	\$0 (\$148 every 5 th yr.)
State SB1186 Fee	\$4	\$4
STR Permit Fee	<u>\$1,633</u>	<u>\$1,633</u>
Total Fee	\$1,944	\$1,679

STR owners are also responsible for collecting: transient occupancy taxes (13% of gross rent); the Greater Palm Springs Tourism Business Improvement District Assessment (TBID, 1% of gross rent); and for paying City business taxes based on annual gross receipts.

The City is also in the process of building a new online platform that will make it easier for STR owners and agents to apply for permits, renew permits, and make various STR related payments.

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In accordance with the new ordinance, the City will seek regulatory compliance through the issuance of fines of up to \$1,000 per occurrence, and may revoke any STR permit for up to a year, for repeat violators. If you are not a bad actor, you can expect nothing less than superior customer service from the City of Indio. We sincerely look forward to working with you.

You can direct your inquiries to me at STRpermit@indio.org, or to blicense@indio.org.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liberty Urban", is positioned below the "Best regards," text.

Liberty Urban
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Permitting & Licensing Supervisor