

Short-term Vacation Rental Code Verification Form

The City of Savannah has developed this form for the use of a residence rented as a short-term vacation rental which is considered a lodging establishment. The following minimum safety guidelines are recommendations only, and should not be construed to be all-encompassing.

Primary Exit:

1. At least one exit door with direct access to the outside, or to a protected corridor in the case of a condominium or apartment building, should be provided per dwelling unit.
2. The exit door should be side hinged and not less than 3 feet wide x 6 feet 8 inches tall.
3. A landing should be provided on each side of an exterior exit door. The landing width should not be less than the door served, and should be a minimum of 36 inches measured in the direction of travel.
4. The exit door should open from the inside without the use of a key, tool or special knowledge.
5. Handrails should be provided on at least one side of each continuous run of stairs.
6. Stairs and decks should be properly constructed and maintained.

Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings:

Basements and every sleeping room should have at least one operable window or door leading directly to a public street, public alley, yard, court. Commercial buildings with three or more condominiums or apartments protected by an operational sprinkler system are exempt from having emergency escape openings.

Windows used as emergency sleeping room exits should have the following:

- Window sill height should not be higher than 44 inches above the floor.
- Minimum clear window opening of 5.7 square feet or 5 square feet if at ground level.
- Minimum clear window opening height, 24 inches.
- Minimum clear window opening width, 20 inches.
- Windows should be operational from the inside of a sleeping room without the use of keys, tools or special knowledge.
- Bars, grills, and similar devices are not recommended over rescue openings. If present, they must open from the inside without the use of keys, tools or special knowledge.
- Windows under decks should fully open and have a minimum 36 inch high direct path to a public street, public alley, yard or court.

Smoke Alarms:

1. One listed 10 year battery smoke alarm is recommended inside and outside of each sleeping room and on each additional story of the dwelling, including the basement.
2. ANSI/UL 2034 listed or CSA 6.19 carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in the general vicinity of each sleeping area.

Fire Extinguishers:

1. A minimum of one portable, 5 pound type ABC fire extinguisher per floor should be provided and maintained.
2. It is recommended that one fire extinguisher be placed in the kitchen area.

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In addition to the recommendations above, it is highly recommended that mechanical, electrical and plumbing professionals inspect the building systems to ensure they are in good working order.

The owner acknowledges that the residence was not designed, constructed or inspected as a commercial lodging establishment. All of the foregoing information is hereby given and all of the foregoing statements are hereby made on oath, wilfully, knowingly, and absolutely, and the same is and are hereby sworn to be true under penalty for false swearing, as provided by law.

Property Owner's Signature

Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,

_____, 201__.

Notary Public