

Short-term Lodging Residential Districts Quick Facts

	Homestay Lodging	Whole-house Lodging
What is this?	Rental of individual bedrooms within the host's principal residence, including any single-family or accessory dwelling units. The host lives and remains onsite during the rental.	Rental of an entire dwelling unit. There is no resident host on the property. A local operator within 25 miles and available 24 hours a day is required.
Where are they allowed? View zoning map at wilmingtonnc.gov/zoningmap	HD, HD-R, HD-MU, R-20, R-15, R-10, R-7, R-5, R-3, MF-L, MF-M, MF-MH, and MF-H districts. Not allowed in MHP districts.	HD, HD-R, HD-MU, R-20, R-15, R-10, R-7, R-5, R-3, MF-L, MF-M, MF-MH, and MF-H districts. Not allowed in MHP districts.
Do I have to register? Register a short-term lodging at wilmingtonnc.gov/STLregistration	Yes, the property owner must register and the registration number must be included with any rental listings and must appear inside the unit. Registration must be renewed each year or it will terminate. Registration will terminate with the transfer of property.	Yes, the property owner must register and the registration number must be included with any rental listings and must appear inside the unit. Registration must be renewed each year or it will terminate. Registration will terminate with the transfer of property.
If I register, do I have to rent my property?	Yes, at least once every six months or your registration will terminate.	Yes, at least once every six months or your registration will terminate.
Is there a limit on registration?	No.	Yes, at least 400 feet is required between whole-house lodging or Bed & Breakfast locations within residential districts. No more than 2 percent of the total number of residentially-zoned parcels may
How many bedrooms can be rented?	One fewer bedroom than the total number of bedrooms in the home (reserving one for the host), with a maximum of three rental bedrooms.	No limit.
Is parking required?	In the R and HD residential districts: Host must issue a parking placard to each guest parked on site. Parking must be behind the front of the home , except on driveways existing on or before July 17, 2018. No more than three patron vehicles onsite at any time.	One off-street parking space is required per bedroom. In the HD districts, no new curb cuts are permitted. Shared parking plans may be approved if there is not enough parking onsite.

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What about complaints and violations?	<p>If there are three code violations and/or criminal convictions in any one-year period, registration will be terminated and the property owner may not re-register for three years.</p> <p>Code/criminal violations may be on, adjacent to, or within the property by an owner, tenant, guest, host, lessee, or person otherwise directly related to the property.</p>	<p>If there are three code violations and/or criminal convictions in any one-year period, registration will be terminated and the property owner may not re-register for three years.</p> <p>Code/criminal violations may be on, adjacent to, or within the property by an owner, tenant, guest, host, lessee, or person otherwise directly related to the property.</p>
What about record keeping?	<p>Registrants shall keep records showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The home is a host’s primary residence • Dates of rental for the previous 365 days <p>View a sample record keeping form for homestay lodgings.</p>	<p>Registrants shall keep records showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates of rental for the previous 365 days <p>View a sample record keeping form for whole house lodgings.</p>
What else is required?	<p>Property owner and host must comply with all federal, state and local laws, including tax code, building code, fire code, and environmental health regulations for the level of occupancy.</p> <p>No parties, events, classes, weddings, receptions, or other large gatherings are allowed on the property.</p> <p>Insurance is required: commercial general liability of at least \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.</p> <p>Food service is not permitted. No cooking allowed in bedrooms.</p> <p>Host must ensure trash carts are brought to and from the street on collection days.</p> <p>POST IN EACH UNIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and telephone number of host; • Address of lodging; • Maximum number of overnight occupants; • Day(s) of garbage collection; • Non-emergency phone number of the Wilmington Police Department; • Annual registration number; and • Statement that no parties, events, classes, weddings, receptions, or other large gatherings are permitted. 	<p>Property owner and host must comply with all federal, state and local laws, including tax code, building code, fire code, and environmental health regulations for the level of occupancy.</p> <p>No parties, events, classes, weddings, receptions, or other large gatherings are allowed on the property.</p> <p>Insurance is required: commercial general liability of at least \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.</p> <p>Food service is not permitted. No cooking allowed in bedrooms.</p> <p>Operator must ensure trash carts are brought to and from the street on collection days.</p> <p>POST IN EACH UNIT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and telephone number of operator; • Address of lodging; • Maximum number of overnight occupants; • Day(s) of garbage collection; • Non-emergency phone number of the Wilmington Police Department; • Annual registration number; and • Statement that no parties, events, classes, weddings, receptions, or other large gatherings are permitted.