CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH



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IMPORTANT SHORT TERM LODGING UPDATE

Pursuant to Emergency Council Ordinance No.2020-1, effective April 3, 2020, the City of Newport Beach prohibits:

- (1) the issuance of any new short-term lodging permit and
- (2) the rental of any lodging unit, for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or less, to any person other than a medical professional or emergency responder coming to the City of Newport Beach to aid with the COVID-19 outbreak.

The City Council found that the emergency ordinance was necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19. Specifically, the emergency ordinance provides that it shall be unlawful for any owner or agent to rent, let, advertise for rent or enter into an agreement for the rental of any lodging unit, where the occupancy would take place during the time period the emergency ordinance is in effect (i.e. between April 3 and May 20, 2020), for 30 consecutive days or less. Any person occupying a lodging unit prior to April 3, 2020 may continue such occupancy.

Violations of this emergency ordinance shall be enforceable in accordance with Chapter 1.05 of the Newport Beach Municipal Code and are as follows:

- First Violation-\$1,000.00;
- Second Violation-Suspension of the short term lodging permit for one (1) year; and
- Third Violation-Revocation of the short term lodging permit, and the short term lodging permit holder shall not be eligible to reapply for a permit for one year.

If you have entered into an agreement with a person in the medical profession or an emergency responder coming to the City to aid with the COVID-19 outbreak, please contact 949-718-1997. City staff will request documentation of your rental agreement and proof the person is in the City to aid with the COVID-19 outbreak.

For questions related to short term lodging and this emergency ordinance please email lodging@newportbeachca.gov/