



City of Sevierville Fire Department



Information to know for your Short-Term Rental

The information listed below is important for all short-term rental managers to know. This document encompasses some key topics surrounding the STR inspection and permitting process. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list of everything our inspectors will check during their visit, additional items may need to be corrected prior to issuing your permit. Specific details can be found in adopted ordinances of the City of Sevierville.

1. OPERATIONAL PERMITS

- STRs within the City of Sevierville must hold a current and valid operational permit issued by the Fire Department. New applications can be submitted at www.MyGovernmentOnline.org
- Permits are renewed annually; the Fire Department will reach out to begin the renewal process.
- To apply or renew, the applicant must pay the annual fee and provide current proof of insurance. The Fire Department will then contact you to schedule an inspection of your property. Once all steps have been completed your operational permit will be issued.

2. VISIBLE STREET NUMBER

- The street number must be mounted on the building, clearly visible from the street, and at least 4" tall.

3. SMOKE ALARMS

- All smoke alarms shall be interconnected. This can be achieved through the use of wireless or traditional hard-wired alarms.
- There must be a smoke alarm on every level of the home and in every sleeping area. Typically, installed inside and directly outside of each bedroom.
- Please refer to manufacturer's instructions for details on placement and installation.

4. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Extinguishers are required to be inspected and tagged on an annual basis through an extinguisher servicing company, these companies can often provide appropriate fire extinguishers as well.
- Fire extinguishers having a minimum rating of 2A:10BC and containing 5 lbs of chemical agent are required on all levels of the rental.



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5. MEANS OF EXIT IN SLEEPING UNITS

- All sleeping areas shall be equipped with at least one operable window or door leading to the outside.
 - The window opening must measure 5.7 square ft, with a minimum width of 20 inches and a minimum height of 24 inches and may not be more than 44 inches above the finished floor.

6. GAS FIREPLACES

- Unvented gas fireplaces over 10,000 BTUs are not permitted to be used in sleeping areas

7. SPAS AND HOT TUBS

- An equipment disconnect must be accessible, clearly labeled, within sight and installed at least 5 ft away from the tub.

8. EXTENSION CORDS AND MULTI-PLUGS

- The temporary (90 days or less) use of extensions cords and flexible cords is permitted, so long as they are visible, unaffixed to any structures, and not subject to any physical impact/damage.
- Kitchen appliances, heaters, and other similar items should plug directly into an outlet.
- Generally, household electronics and light fixtures may be used with multi-plug adaptors if they are surge protected and/or over-current protected, as well as plugged directly into an outlet.

9. OUTDOOR GRILLS AND FIREPITS

- Location of gas cooking devices must be approved by a fire inspector at the time of inspection.
- Firepits must be approved by a fire inspector at the time of inspection.
- Approved firepits must have a means of extinguishment (water hose, fire extinguisher, etc.)
- Charcoal grills must be located at least 10 ft from combustible materials (porch, stairs, structure, etc.)

10. FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

- Fire sprinkler systems are required for any STR that wishes to sleep more than 12 people. Other factors may require the installation of a fire sprinkler system, please contact the Fire Marshal for further details.