

STR Standard Question:

1. Does the city allow property owners to rent their home out as a short term rental?

SLC does not have an ordinance to allow short-term rentals in the residential districts. Rental units in residential districts with self-contained kitchens and bathrooms require a business and may be rented on a month-to-month basis. The only permitted short-term stay/rentals is for nightly sleeping accommodations which are allowed in the commercial and mixed use districts for uses such as hotels/motels, hostel, rooming houses, bed and breakfasts, etc.,; and only when allowed by the zoning district and licensed for such use.

2. Is a business license required in order to operate a short-term rental?

Because short-term rentals are currently not permitted by ordinance in SLC, this question would have no application relative to a business licensing at this time.

3. Are there any current proposals or plans in place to vote on new restrictions for short term rentals in the city?

Though a study was conducted by SLC Planning in June of 2017 and forwarded to the Mayor's Office for consideration, there are no known current plans or proposals on behalf of the City to allow for short-term rentals in SLC.

4. If allowed, do short-term rentals have a City-wide applicability or only permitted in specific locations?

In general, if short-term rentals were permitted, they were likely be allowed City-wide but the specific use would be permitted within specific zoning districts. As stated previously however, short-term rentals are currently not permitted in SLC.

5. If allowed, how is bed taxing handled?

In their conclusions of the study, the SLC Planning Division determined that bed taxing is a major concern of the tourist/hotel industry as SLC would need to determine if taxing is appropriate, and if so how to tax such an accommodation. As stated previously however, short-term rentals are currently not permitted in SLC.

6. Who is the correct person to contact going forward if there are other questions?

To permit short-term rentals in SLC, a text amendment would be required, likely to several sections of the Code. Though there is no one clear answer to this question, general questions can be forwarded to the SLC Planning Division or Building Services. It is also recommended that any proposals to permit such a use be discussed with City Council representatives from one or more districts. The SLC Planning Division can be contacted at 801-535-7700 and SLC Building Services can be contacted at 801-535-6000.