

RESOLUTION R2021 - \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING FEES RELATED TO SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS; PROVIDING FOR FEE COLLECTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Escambia County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners desires short-term vacation rentals that are safe, fit in with the character of the community, provide positive impacts for tourism, increase property values, and achieve greater neighborhood compatibility; and

**WHEREAS**, these regulations are deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners to preserve the County's aesthetic and property values while also protecting the health, safety and general welfare of permanent residents, lot/parcel owners, investors and transient occupants and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, Escambia County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article XXI, Short-Term Vacation Rentals, states that fees for registration, inspection, and violation shall be charged and collected in accordance with a schedule of fees established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, which may be amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been concluded by the Board of County Commissioners that in order to provide adequately for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of

Escambia County, the fee schedule and related provisions established herein are now in the best interest of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitations are true and correct and are hereby adopted.

**Section 2. Fee Adoption.** As provided in Escambia County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article XXI, Short-Term Vacation Rentals, the schedule of such short-term vacation rental fees is established as follows:

<b>Short-Term Vacation Rental Fee Type</b>	<b>Fee Amount</b>
Certificate application	\$500
Certificate annual renewal	\$250
Certificate annual renewal late fee	\$50
Certificate transfer of ownership	\$150
Certificate modification (excluding modification of property manager or designated contact)	\$50
Subsequent modification of property manager or designated contact (owner is entitled to one free modification of each per calendar year)	\$25
Re-inspection	\$50
Inspection "no show"	\$200
<b>Uncontested Civil Citations</b>	
First (1 <sup>st</sup> ) citation for those not contesting a citation	\$100
Second (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) citation for those not contesting a citation	\$200
Third (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) citation for those not contesting a citation	\$300
Fourth (4 <sup>th</sup> ) and all additional citations for those not contesting a citation	\$400
<b>Contested Civil Citations</b>	
First (1 <sup>st</sup> ) citation for those contesting a citation	\$200
Second (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) citation for those contesting a citation	\$300
Third (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) citation for those contesting a citation	\$400
Fourth (4 <sup>th</sup> ) and all additional citations for those contesting a citation	\$500

**Section 3. Establishment of Accounts.** The fees set forth herein shall be incorporated into the Escambia County Building Services Department Schedule of Fees, with all fees herein to be collected by the Escambia County Building Services Department and allocated to appropriate accounts created for collection of such fees. Through this Resolution, the Board of County Commissioners authorizes the creation of appropriate accounts for the collection, accounting, and disbursement of these fees.

**Section 4. Conflicts.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution shall be repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Bender, Chairman

ATTEST: PAM CHILDERS  
Clerk of the Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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