



CITY OF
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The City of St. Augustine recently passed a short-term vacation rental ordinance (2019-50) that will become enforceable starting October 1st, 2020. For the purpose of life-safety, the St. Augustine Fire Department has been tasked with performing fire safety inspections of these rental properties, both, at the time of registration and annually thereafter. Listed below are the fire-safety requirements for all short-term rental properties.

- Address plainly visible and legible from the street with minimum 4" numbers.
- Smoke alarms installed and operational in each sleeping room, areas giving access to sleeping rooms, and on each level.
- Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors installed and operational in sleeping areas of dwellings which have gas appliances and/or an attached garage.
- Portable fire extinguishers (2A10BC multi-purpose) accessibly mounted on each level and serviced and tagged by a licensed company annually.
- Any installed fire alarm system or fire sprinkler system shall be inspected and tagged by a licensed company annually.
- Emergency lighting with battery back-up throughout residence.
- Exit signs over exit doors and throughout residence where the location of exits may be questionable.
- Each sleeping room shall have, in addition to the exit door, one other means of emergency escape, which may be a second door that leads directly to the outside of the structure, or an openable window that is operational from within the area in which it serves.
- Egress windows and exit doors are operable and exit paths are clear and unobstructed.
- Emergency evacuation information shall be posted in central location of rental.
- Extension cords shall not be utilized as permanent wiring.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule your inspection, please contact Chief Growick in Fire Prevention at the St Augustine Fire Department 904-825-1098.