



City Waves

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City Council Approves Additional Short-Term Rental Regulations

The South Haven City Council adopted amendments to the short-term rental registration ordinance at their July 16, 2018 meeting to include attached condos and changed the one-time registration fee to an annual renewal. The City Council also approved a resolution setting the short-term rental fee schedule.

Prior to the meeting, the city's short-term rental ordinance excluded attached condo units, which meant that condos could be rented on a short-term basis without registering with the city or paying the applicable registration fees. Condo units were also not subject to inspection requirements, nor maximum-occupancy caps. Although the Council initially considered that condo units were not related to the complaints regarding short-term rentals in single-family neighborhoods, circumstances arose causing consideration of their inclusion.

One of the reasons for reconsideration was the incomplete statistics regarding short-term rental activity within the city. Without a good method for identifying condo units rented on a short-term basis, the overall increase or decrease in rental activity could not be tracked. Further, there existed a disparity in treatment between condos and other dwelling units, as the owners of condos could rent without paying the same fees nor following the same safety and fire code regulations as other short-term dwelling owners.

The short-term rental fees were established to provide revenue to cover the cost of providing rental registration services and increased building capacity request applications. While this revenue assisted in offsetting the city's expenses in creating the short-term rental program, revenues began to decline due to enforcement and administration expenses continuing to incur. Continuing expenses include the cost of inspections, additional enforcement personnel during the summer, the inspection program, and staff and attorney time devoted to addressing short-term rental issues. The City Council approved renewal fees to be set at \$200, with first time application fees at \$250 to cover the initial inspection prior to permit issuance.

For more information, contact Kate Hosier, Assistant City Manager, at (269) 637-0775, or via email at khosier@south-haven.com.

THIS MONTH



August:

Meetings

1	DDA	12:00 pm
2	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
6	City Council	7:00 pm
13	L DFA and Brownfield	4:00 pm
14	Parks Commission	7:00 pm
20	City Council	7:00 pm
21	Harbor Commission	5:30 pm
27	BPU / SHAWSA	4:00 pm
27	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm

**Please confirm dates, times
& location before attending.

**National Blueberry Festival—
August 9th – 12th**
Salute to Veterans— August 17th—18th

NEXT MONTH



September:

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**September 3—Labor Day
City Hall will be closed
Monday 9/3/2018**

Just a few reminders...

- The City of South Haven Code of Ordinance states that trash containers may be placed on the curb no more than 24 hours prior to trash pick-up, and removed no more than 24 hours after trash pick-up.
- Every person who owns, occupies or leases any land within the city must cut, destroy, and remove all noxious and poisonous weeds growing on the property, as well as dead grass and brush. The resident must also prevent grass from growing in excess of nine inches in height.

- Fall is just around the corner and the City of South Haven will be picking up leaves. If weather permits (rain or snow is not occurring on the days scheduled for leaf pick-up) and there are no problems with the trucks this should go smoothly. Please be patient and remember that a leaf truck is a large vehicle and cannot turn around easily. The street crew will complete one side of the street and come back to do the other side, which may occur on a different day.



- In an effort to assist the city street crew, please rake your leaves to the parkway (the area between the sidewalk and the street). Please do not rake them into the street. This will clog the storm drains and also make it difficult for the leaf truck to pick-up your leaves. The City of South Haven appreciates your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions please contact the Public Works Department at (269) 637-0737.
- Please note: Leaf trucks work within the City Limits only.

Dogs on Leashes

All pets are required to be on leashes whenever they are in un-enclosed areas or on public streets (per City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6). When walking your dog, you are required to pick up and dispose of their waste. Please do not allow your pets to trespass on private property. Please note that pets are not allowed on the public beaches or at the Dyckman Park pavilion during farmers' market operation hours.

Beach Status Flag Updates Now Live on City Website

In an effort to keep the public informed of beach conditions, the City of South Haven is now offering an online display of current flag statuses. Beach flag statuses can be viewed by visiting the website at www.south-haven.com, and accessing the information from the news scroll on the homepage. Along with current statuses is a description of what each colored flag means, along with information collected from the South Haven Buoy by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Additionally, a link to the South Haven Area Emergency Services website is provided, which contains more information on the Beach Safety Program.

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