

Short Term Rentals

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Background



Local Context

- Old Orchard Beach
- South Portland
- Scarborough
- Portland
- Frye Island *in process of considering ordinance updates*

Policy Overview

- Expand and Update Chapter 173 Seasonal Property Rental Ordinance
 - Expand registration provisions
 - Expand inspection requirements
 - Re-order & clarify existing provisions

Policy Overview Cont'd.

- *Define “Short Term Rental”*
- *Expand Short Term Rental geographic registration area*
- *Better define and clarify the difference between a Seasonal Rental and a Short Term Rental*
- *Look toward implementation of an online tracking and monitoring system for enforcement processes*
- *Work toward online permitting/licensing options for these registrations*

Next Steps

- Complete Draft Ordinance
- Distribute Draft Ordinance (*anticipated: within 4 weeks*)
- Council Ordinance Review Process:
 - First Reading
 - Public Hearing
 - Second/Final Reading



Questions?

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