



## CITY OF GOLETA

### SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL CLARIFICATION

There has been a lot of discussion about short-term vacation rentals in our region and many questions are popping up because of the differences between the cities and County.

Goleta's Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Ordinance requires that all non-owner occupied properties be subject to the STVR Ordinance if rented 30 days or less. Non-owner occupied means owner lives at a different address OR a separate dwelling unit on the property (i.e., guesthouse, granny flat, mother-in-law-unit).

#### SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL OVERVIEW:

Non-Owner Occupied (Rent 30 days or less)	Owner Occupied (Rent 30 days or less)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STVR Ordinance Applies</li><li>• General Business License</li><li>• TOT Certificate (collect and remit TOT &amp; TBID taxes)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Business License</li><li>• TOT Certificate (collect and remit TOT &amp; TBID taxes)</li></ul>

Provided below is a detailed explanation of each type of rental activity:

#### NON-OWNER OCCUPIED SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS (RENT 30 DAYS OR LESS):

Non-owner occupied properties are subject to the STVR Ordinance. This means you are required to apply for a STVR Permit, provide a nuisance response plan, public notice form, and surety bond. You are also required to have a general business license and collect and remit Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) taxes. *TOT and TBID collection is exempt if guest is a Federal employee on official business, foreign diplomat, or has given written notice and stays for 30 consecutive days, beginning on the date of reservation. Guest is exempt on the 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive day. Exemption forms for TOT and TBID are required if you have been issued a TOT Certificate.*

#### OWNER OCCUPIED SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS (RENT 30 DAYS OR LESS):

Owner occupied properties are not subject to the STVR Ordinance. You are required to have a general business license and collect and remit TOT and TBID taxes. *TOT and TBID collection is exempt if guest is a Federal employee on official business, foreign diplomat, or has given written notice and stays for 30 consecutive days, beginning on the date of reservation. Guest is exempt on the 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive day. Exemption forms for TOT and TBID are required if you have been issued a TOT Certificate.*

*If you participate in different types of STVR activities described above at various times of the year that includes renting 30 days or less you are subject to TOT collection and may be subject to the STVR ordinance. To learn more and to obtain the forms needed to register your rental, please visit our website at <http://cityofgoleta.org/city-hall/finance/short-term-vacation-rentals> or contact Brenda Robinson at [brobinson@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:brobinson@cityofgoleta.org) or 961-7529.*