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Re: Short-Term Rental Registration Update

Dear Short-Term Rental Owner:

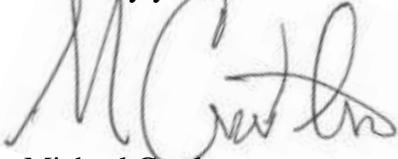
I am writing to offer assistance in renewing your VR-1 Short-Term Rental registration due to some recent procedural changes that will take effect for 2026. All VR-1 renewals will be in-person for the 2026 year, so we may provide a smooth transition to the new procedures.

These updates are intended to make the VR1 process clearer and more consistent. They do not change who is eligible for a VR1 registration. They simply help ensure that renewals continue smoothly and that every owner is treated under the same standards. Should you have questions or unique circumstances, we will work with you and make sure you have what you need to complete your renewal without difficulty.

I have attached the new registration form, and an outline of the information that must be included with your application. Please review the attached information and contact our office with questions. We will also host an informational Zoom session in December, a link to that meeting will be emailed to you. Our staff will “walk” you through the new procedures and answer questions.

I am available, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, at 207-288-3329 or via the email address above.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Gurtler
Code Enforcement Officer

Cc: Tammy Desjardin, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
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