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Subject: RE: Question about business license to rent a home short term
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Good afternoon!

A business license would be required for the rental of the property within our police jurisdiction. There will not be any regulations on the term of each rental-Short Term would be fine.

All rentals less than 180 days would be subject to lodging taxes. The total tax would be 7% (4% to the State and 3% to the City PJ). If you are using a platform like Airbnb/VRBO they are required by state law to remit lodging tax on the owner's behalf unless there is a specific agreement not to.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

The City of Fairhope will be closed Friday, June 19, 2026 for Juneteenth Holiday.
Normal business hours will resume Monday, June 22, 2026.

I will be out of the office July 3, 2026 – July 12, 2026 on vacation.

Regards,



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From: Dianne Nix <diannenix@bellsouth.net>
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Subject: Question about business license to rent a home short term

I am the realtor for 11571 Red Barn Rd. I have someone interested in purchasing the property to live in part-time and rent it out at other times as a short term rental. I've been in touch with Baldwin County zoning and they tell me they don't govern short term rentals, but do govern Bed and Breakfast facilities, which this will not be. I've also been in touch with Hunter Simmons who told me Fairhope does not have any zoning jurisdiction at 11571 Red Barn Rd but he said to check with Fairhope Revenue Department to see if/what business license is required.

That's my reason for contacting you about a business license. Is/what business license would be required? If required, would renting short term pose a problem?

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Thank you for your help.
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