



Short Term Rental Accommodation in Tahsis

What are the short term rental accommodation bylaws in Tahsis?

“Short term rental accommodation” means the rental of all or a portion of a dwelling (house or condominium) for periods of less than 31 days.

This use is permitted in areas zoned R-1, R-2 and RM-1. This includes most of the residential neighborhoods in Tahsis. (A zoning map is on the Village website under “Municipal Information – Bylaws and Policy” <http://villageoftahsis.com/municipal-information/bylaws-policy/>). Short term rental accommodation is not permitted in areas zoned RM-2.

Homeowners are allowed to rent out their homes to short term guests directly or through online services like AirBnB.

Bed and Breakfast accommodation is also permitted in these same residential zoned areas.

Homeowners are responsible for complying with the applicable Village bylaws including the noise, property maintenance regulation, building and the streets and traffic bylaws. Contraventions of any of these bylaws can result in monetary penalties.

Why were the bylaws changed to permit short term rental accommodation?

Short-term rental accommodation had become an issue for Tahsis since the previous zoning bylaw did not permit this type of use.

Public consultation on this issue occurred last year. A questionnaire was sent to all Tahsis residents and made available to the public seeking opinions on various aspects of short term rental accommodation. 82% of those who responded said short-term rental accommodation in residential areas will benefit Tahsis. And 73% supported permitting property owners to offer short term rental accommodation, e.g., guesthouses, in residential areas.

The issue was considered by Council at four meetings in October and November 2017 and February 2018. The zoning, water and sewer bylaw amendments were adopted by Council on February 20th.