

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 11:15 a.m. in the Rich County Courthouse, 20 S. Main Street in Randolph. The Rich County Board of Commissioners is considering amending its short-term rental ordinance. A copy of this proposed ordinance can be obtained by contacting the Rich County Clerk, Anneliesa Peart at (435) 793-2415.

Rich County has had an ordinance in place governing short-term rentals (home rentals under 30 days) since 2017. The ordinance seeks to balance the county's interests, the interests of neighbors, and the interests of those offering short-term rentals in unincorporated Rich County. The 2017 ordinance requires the homeowner operating a short-term rental obtain a special business license. The license is conditioned on an inspection, complying with the terms of the license, and payment of an annual fee to offset the cost of the program. The Board of Commissioners is considering amending this ordinance. The proposed changes would (1) increase the original application fee from \$250 to \$25 per person multiplied by the maximum approved occupancy, (2) increase the yearly renewal fee from \$150 to \$15 per person multiplied by the maximum approved occupancy, (3) require renewal applications to be submitted by March 31 of each year (or be thereafter treated as a new application for purposes of the fee), (4) increase the potential penalty for noncompliance, and (5) allow for notices of violation to be mailed to the address on file for tax notices.

The Board of Commissioners is soliciting the public's comments on the proposed ordinance. Those attending the hearing will be invited to provide their input. Those wishing to comment, but who are unable to attend the hearing may also submit written comments to the Rich County Clerk prior to the hearing.