



## Short-Term Rentals

### Priority Statement:

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that restores authority to local governments for the regulation of short-term rental properties as necessary for quality of life, public safety and a fair lodging marketplace. The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended without penalty. The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that preempts municipal authority as it relates to the regulation of short-term rental properties.

### Background:

- The Legislature preempted cities from regulating short-term vacation rentals in 2011. Municipalities with an existing ordinance at that time were “grandfathered” and allowed to keep what was already in place.
- Cities without an ordinance lost the ability to regulate the location of these properties resulting in a proliferation of short-term rentals in areas that had traditionally been long-term residential neighborhoods.
- Currently, available solutions for cities are inadequate and will not solve the problems that many communities are facing.
- The restoration of zoning authority will allow cities to implement smart, targeted solutions to problems caused by vacation rentals and ensure the preservation of traditional residential communities and neighborhoods.