

**RESOLUTION No. 2022-42**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL LICENSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Department is responsible for the administration of Skamania County Code (SCC) Title 21 (Zoning); and

**WHEREAS**, SCC Section 21.70.190 establishes regulations for the operation of short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) in Skamania County; and

**WHEREAS**, SCC Section 21.70.190 requires that STVR operators maintain an annual STVR license accompanied by a fee in an amount established by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Department has proposed that three fee tiers be established with fees related to the intensity of a STVR and its burden on services; and

**WHEREAS**, establishment of a license system and fee schedule is necessary to monitor and enforce compliance with the STVR regulations in SCC 21.70.190;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Skamania County Board of County Commissioners that the Community Development Department shall charge the following fees for annual short-term vacation rental licenses:

<b>ANNUAL STVR LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Tier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Tier 1	Owner or operator is <u>present on-site</u> during the course of the rental.	\$200
Tier 2	Owner or operator is <u>not present on-site</u> during the course of the rental.	\$300
Tier 3	Any STVR with an allowable occupancy of 15 or more persons, or three or more unique rentals on an individual property, whether or not the owner or operator is present on-site during the course of the rental.	\$500

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

**ATTEST:**



*[Signature]*  
 Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

*[Signature]*  
 Richard Mahar, Chairman

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 T. W. Lannen, Commissioner

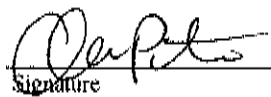
*[Signature]*  
 Robert Hamlin, Commissioner

**Approved as to form only:**

*[Signature]*  
 Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney

Aye 3  
 Nay 0  
 Abstain 0  
 Absent 0

**COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY**

<b><u>SUBMITTED BY</u></b>	<u>Community Development Department</u>	 Signature
<b><u>AGENDA DATE</u></b>	<u>September 27, 2022</u>	
<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<u>Resolution 2022-42, establishing a fee schedule for Short-term Vacation Rental Licenses</u>	
<b><u>ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>	<u>Approve Resolution 2022-42</u>	

**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND**

The Community Development Department is proposing a fee schedule for Short-term Vacation Rental licenses. The Board of County Commissioners approved Ordinance No. 2020-08 on December 8, 2020, establishing regulations for the operation of short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) in unincorporated Skamania County. These regulations have been in effect since December 2020, however the requirement to obtain a license to operate a short-term vacation rental was delayed and will now go into effect in January 2023.

The proposed fees will provide funding to implement the licensing system and monitor compliance with the county's STVR requirements. The fees are higher than those presented to the BOCC on September 13, 2022, but are still on the lower end of license fees charged elsewhere in Washington and Oregon.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Licensing fees will provide annual revenue to the Community Development Department.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve Resolution 2022-42.

**LIST ATTACHMENTS**

Draft Resolution 2022-42