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## Municipal Law Enforcement Department reminds Short-Term Rental owners of annual licence renewal process

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**(Tiny, Ontario)** The Township of Tiny's Municipal Law Enforcement Department is reminding Short-Term Rental property owners to renew their licence.

Short-Term Rental By-law 22-017, as amended, allows up to 300 short-term rental licences to be issued annually. There are currently two types of short-term rental applicants: approved and under review. Only approved licences can move directly to the renewal application process. All licences expire annually on December 31, and need to be renewed and approved to operate the following calendar year.

All applicants that are listed under review will need to complete their 2023 application before the end of 2023 to obtain their licence and move on to the 2024 renewal process. In the event an application that is under review cannot successfully become approved, the applicant will need to apply to be on the program waitlist and complete the application process from the beginning as a new applicant. The township has been working closely with applicants that have under review applications and is hopeful they will be able to check-off any outstanding requirements to obtain an approved licence and apply for their 2024 renewal licence.

At the November 1, 2023 meeting of Council, the Fee By-law Amendment – Short-Term Rental Licence Report #MLE-011-23 was presented to propose a \$250 increase to the renewal fee for short-term rental licences. Council approved the new fee of \$1750 to help with cost recovery of the increased staff time spent on inspections, administration, and enforcement for the licensing program.

"One of the goals of the short-term licensing program is to ensure that general taxpayers are not subsidizing the administration or enforcement of the program" said Mayor, David Evans. "Staff are spending more time on enforcement than projected. It is important that the licence fee reflects this so the program follows a cost recovery model and does not impact taxpayers".

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Renewal licence applications will open during the week of November 6, 2023. For more information or to apply online, visit the township's website at <u>www.tiny.ca/STR</u>.

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