

# PROTECT JERSEY CITY NEIGHBORHOODS!

# VOTE YES

*on Municipal Question #1*  
**NOVEMBER 5**

In June 2019, the City Council passed an ordinance sensibly regulating short-term rentals like Airbnb in Jersey City.  
On Tuesday November 5th, Municipal Question #1 will ask residents whether they want the regulations.

## Here's what you need to know

**Q:** Is this a ban?

**A:** **NO.** The ordinance allows short-term rentals as long as basic rules are met to protect neighborhood safety and quality of life, and keep housing costs low.

**Q:** What are short-term rentals?

**A:** Renting out bedrooms, units or entire homes for anything less than 28 days. Popularized by online websites like Airbnb, VRBO and Homeaway.

**Q:** I currently rent out a couple bedrooms and an apartment unit in my home on Airbnb to earn extra money. Can I still do this?

**A:** **YES.** A homeowner can continue to rent out up to 3 bedrooms and up to 2 full apartment units in their home as long as they live in the home (or have someone designated to be on site for them who lives in the home).

**Q:** I'm a teacher who Airbnb's my entire home when I go to the shore in the summer. Can I still do this?

**A:** **YES.** Entire homes can be short-term rented while the host is away for up to 60 days per year. Note: this 60-day limit only applies if the host is away; there are no limits for an onsite host.

**Q:** What do I have to do to rent my home on Airbnb, VRBO, and other websites?

**A:** Simply get a permit, prove you're a Jersey City homeowner who lives in the home, complete a basic fire safety inspection, meet common sense safety requirements, pay a \$250 one-time fee and renew for \$200 each year. These fees are easily reimbursed with 1-2 rental nights as the average daily short-term rental rate in Jersey City is between \$100-\$200 per night.

**Q:** Why was the ordinance put in place?

**A:** To address quality of life, safety and overall housing affordability. Unlike what you may have heard, there are currently no restrictions on short term rentals. Entire homes and apartment buildings are turning into unregulated, full-time "hotels" with no host on-site. This creates problems with noise, trash, safety, and parking for full-time residents and strains NYC commuter lines that are already at capacity. Less housing for residents also means higher rents.

**Q:** Why am I receiving this FAQ?

**A:** The ordinance will be put to a public vote on **Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2019**. If you support these sensible regulations and want to protect Jersey City communities, show up to vote and **VOTE YES to Municipal Question #1**

**Q:** Where can I learn more?

**A:** A more detailed fact sheet is attached, along with the full ordinance.  
The ordinance is endorsed by Mayor Steve Fulop.

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