



The Florida League of Cities supports a collaboration between the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) and cities to ensure that short term rental properties abide by state and local regulations. The League also calls on the Florida Legislature to restore local zoning authority for short-term rentals.

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## THE KEY POINTS

- 01** This is a **local zoning issue**. Commercial activity in neighborhoods is regulated for a good reason: to protect residents and ensure the right infrastructure is there.
- 02** The DBPR's Office of Inspector General 2018 Audit Report found that the agency has struggled to meet its own approved performance standards for lodging inspection measures and will continue to struggle. Based on these findings, the **DBPR should collaborate with local code enforcement officers to protect residential neighborhoods**.
- 03** Everyone's **property rights should be balanced**. Unruly behavior and issues with parking and public safety destroy the **residential character of our neighborhoods**. Our residents suffer while corporations profit.
- 04** Short-term rentals are **overtaking residential neighborhoods** and **creating public safety risks**. Residents don't know the people next door. Sex offenders don't have to register. Neighbors are less likely to confront strangers when problems or nuisances arise.
- 05** Additionally, rentals are causing a **drain on law enforcement services**, when issues should be handled by code enforcement instead. Because police are forced to respond to parking and house parties, it means fewer officers focusing on stopping crimes and keeping communities safe.
- 06** Unregulated short-term rentals make the affordable housing crisis worse. **Homes are turned into mini-hotels**, which reduces the long-term rentals available and **causes a housing shortage for working people**.
- 07** Seven in 10 voters say **local rules should govern short-term rentals**. Nearly three-fourths want local elected officials in charge.