# Chelan County Short-Term Rentals

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# Introduction

- 4 A short-term rental refers to a residential dwelling rented out on a nightly basis for less than 30 days to
- 5 individual guests. It could be a whole home or just part of it. Short-term rentals have increased rapidly
- 6 since 2014, especially in Leavenworth and Manson areas. See maps in Attachments A and B illustrating
- 7 operating short-term rentals across the county as of early 2020, and data on short-term rentals in
- 8 Attachment C.

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- 9 Chelan County has been considering how to best address short-term rentals to allow for property owner
- 10 income while protecting the character of residential communities across the county. In 2019, Chelan
- 11 County considered draft regulations, and ultimately did not carry forward a draft at that time. The
- 12 Board of County Commissioners desired to look at new code options in 2020. Between March and
- 13 December 2020, the Planning Commission held meetings and hearings and made a recommendation, and
- 14 the Board also held meetings and a hearing.
- 15 Due to the diverging interests of residents and short-term rental operators, the Board of County
- 16 Commissioners established a Task Force comprised of three neighborhoods residents, three short-term
- 17 rental operators, and three Planning Commission representatives (two current and one former member).
- 18 The Task Force met between February and April 2021, and their recommendations presented to the
- 19 Board in May 2021 are included in Attachment D.
- 20 Based on the results of the Task Force, prior draft codes before the Board of County Commissioner in
- 21 December 2020 are amended in this document.

# Summary

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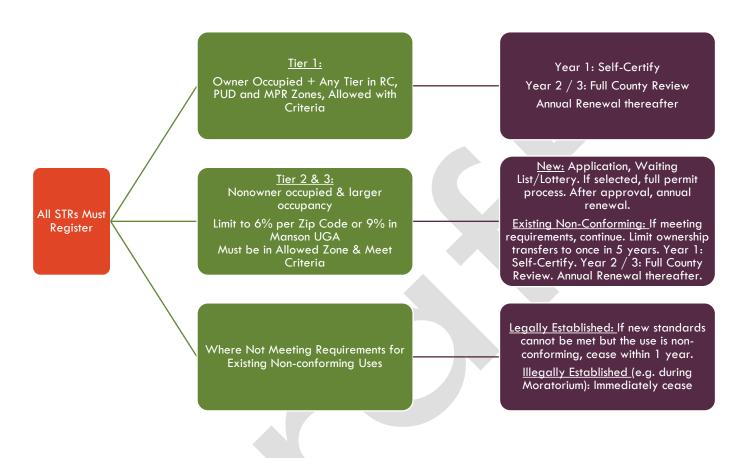
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- The bullets below and flow chart highlight key features of the proposed code.
- Zones Allowed: The County Code includes a chart by zoning district identifying where permitted or conditionally permitted short-term rentals are allowed. Tier 1 owner-occupied short-term rentals are permitted in most zones as an accessory use in unincorporated County lands provided they meet operational standards and obtain a land use permit. Tier 2 short-term rentals are non-owner occupied, and are permitted in most zones but are further restricted based on lot size and distance. Tier 3 short-term rentals are those with larger occupancies (over 12 total guests) and would require conditional use permits in selected zones, must take highway access, and have similar restrictions on locations and numbers as Tier 2.
- Number Allowed: New non-owner-occupied units (Tier 2) and larger occupancy short-term rentals (Tier 3) could locate in unincorporated areas except for zip codes and Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) with more than 6% short-term rentals as a share of total units, or up to 9% in the Manson UGA. Also, due to community preferences, new short-term rentals would be limited in Peshastin UGAs and only

- allowed in commercial zones. Developments specifically designed for short-term rentals (e.g. Planned Unit Developments and Master Planned Resorts) are not subject to the cap.
- Operational Standards: Tier 1, 2, or 3 units would be required to meet standards such as occupancy, parking, noise, solid waste, adequate sewer and water, fire preparedness, access to a qualified person within 60 minutes, establishing a property management plan, etc.
- Existing Units: Existing Short-Term rentals would need to show they were operating prior to the moratorium and over 2019 or 2020 paid taxes consistent with state requirements. The date of the moratorium is August 25, 2020.¹ Existing short-term rentals would need to meet criteria regarding historic use as a short-term rental, proper payment of taxes, and compliance with operational standards. Permits would need to be obtained as well. Where non-conforming requirements cannot be met, there is a 1-year grace period and then the use must cease. If a short-term rental was established after the moratorium it is not considered non-conforming.
- Permit Process: All Tier short-term rentals must register and provisionally self-certify. Tier 2 and Tier 3 Short-Term Rentals that can comply with the rules fully can enter either a waiting list or a lottery up to the 6% cap; those selected would apply for a full permit with required inspections. To allow time to set up the permit review system, the first permit would include self-certification regarding compliance. Within the first or second year the County would require inspections and more detailed review. Thereafter, annual renewal would be based on self-certification and a more abbreviated review. Fees would be set to recover costs of permit reviews and inspections such as by the fire marshal, health district, etc.





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# Use Allowance Amendments

- CHAPTER 11.04 DISTRICT USE CHART
- 11.04.020 District Use Chart

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- 66 (1) The use chart located on the following pages is made a part of this section.
- 67 (2) The following acronyms <u>and notes</u> apply to the following use chart. If a cell in the table is blank, the use listed in the left hand column is a prohibited use in the zone that is the heading for that cell.
  - P Permitted use
  - P(1) Permitted use subject to development standards in Chapters 11.88, 11.93 and/or within the applicable zoning district standards
  - P(2) Permitted use subject to development standards in Chapters 11.88, 11.93 and/or within the applicable zoning district standards, except for on parcels that are twelve thousand square feet or smaller, the use/structure must be located on a lot with an existing single-family residence
  - P(3) For short-term rentals newly permitted and first established after XXX, 2021 the minimum lot size requirement to establish a short-term rental is as provided in 11.88.290(2)(D).
  - A Accessory use
  - A(1) Accessory use subject to development standards in Chapters 11.88, 11.93 and/or within the applicable zoning district standards
  - CUP Conditional use permit—Subject to development standards in Chapter 11.93 and/or within this chapter
- 69 (3) Short-term rental land uses are commercial uses subject to all provisions of 11.88.290 except where expressly stated otherwise in this section.

#### 71 District Use Chart

USE/ACTIVITY	RR20	RR10	RR5	RR2.5	RW	RRR	RV	RC	RI	RP	AC	FC	MC
Short-Term Rentals Tier 1	<u>A(1)</u>	<u>A(1)</u>	<u>A(1)</u>	<u>A(1)</u>	<u>A(1)</u>	<u>A(1)</u>	<u>A(1)</u>	<u>P(2)</u>			A(1)	A(1)	
Short-Term Rentals Tier 2	<u>P(1)(3)</u>	<u>P(1)(3)</u>	<u>P(1)(3)</u>	<u>P(1)(3)</u>	<u>P(1)(3)</u>	<u>P(1)(3)</u>	P(1)(3)	<u>P(2)</u>			CUP		
Short-Term Rentals Tier 3 ()	<u>CUP</u> <u>P(3)</u>	<u>CUP</u> <u>P(3)</u>	<u>CUP</u> <u>P(3)</u>					<u>P(2)</u>					

# 72 CHAPTER 11.22 PESHASTIN URBAN GROWTH AREA

### 11.22.030 Permitted, Accessory and Conditional Uses

- (1) A district use chart is established and contained herein as a tool for the purpose of determining the specific uses allowed in each use district. No use shall be allowed in a use district that is not listed in the use chart as either permitted, accessory or conditional use, unless the administrator determines, by a written administrative interpretation that may be appealed to the hearing examiner, that an unlisted use is similar to one that is already enumerated in the use chart and may therefore be allowed, subject to the requirements associated with that use and all other applicable provisions.
- 80 (2) Short-term rental land uses are commercial uses subject to all provisions of 11.88.290 except where expressly stated otherwise in this section.
- 82 (3) The following acronyms apply to the following use chart:

Uses:

PRM = Permitted use

ACC = Accessory use

CUP = Conditional use—Subject to development standards in Chapter 11.93 and/or within this chapter

Where a cell is empty, the use is prohibited in that zone. All of these assume compliance with any and all development standards.

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#### Districts:

R-1 = Low Density Residential

R-2 = Medium Density Residential

R-3 = High Density Residential

C-D = Downtown Commercial

C-H = Highway Commercial

I = Industrial

I-C = Campus Industrial

P-U = Public Use

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Land/Activity Uses	R-1	R-2	R-3	C-D	С-Н	I	I-C	P-U
Boarding <del>/Lodging House</del> <sup>3</sup>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>ACC</u>	ACC <sup>1</sup>	ACC <sup>1</sup>			
Short-Term Rentals Tier 1 or Tier 2 <sup>2</sup>				PRM	PRM			
Short-Term Rentals Tier 3				<u>PRM</u>	<u>PRM</u>			
Hotels/Motels/Lodging Facilities				PRM	<u>PRM</u>	<u>PRM</u>	<u>PRM</u>	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In existing single-family residences only, as of July 1, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Indoor facility only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Per CCC 11.88.170 (4) In any district that permits single-family residences, the renting of rooms to not more than two boarders, roomers, or lodgers is permitted as an accessory use.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Removed prior proposal showing "PRM" in R-1, R-2, and R-3 zones.

#### CHAPTER 11.23 MANSON URBAN GROWTH AREA

#### 11.23.030 DISTRICT USE CHART.

(1) The use chart located on the following pages is made a part of this section. The following acronyms apply to the following use chart. If a cell in the table is blank, the use listed in the left hand column is a prohibited use in the zone that is the heading for that cell.

UR1	Urban Residential-1
UR2	Urban Residential-2
UR3	Urban Residential-3
СТ	Tourist Commercial
CD	Downtown Commercial
MLI	Manson Light Industrial
UP	Urban Public

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- P Permitted use—Subject to development standards in Chapter 11.88 and/or 11.93
- A Accessory use—Subject to development standards in Chapter 11.88 and/or 11.93
- CUP Conditional use permit—Subject to development standards in Chapter 11.93 and/or within this chapter

95 (2) Short-term rental land uses are commercial uses subject to all provisions of 11.88.290 except where expressly stated otherwise in this section.

Table 9.1 - District Use Chart

USE/ACTIVITY	UR1	UR2	UR3	СТ	CD	MLI	UP
<del>Vacation</del> - <u>Short-Term</u> Rentals <u>Tier 1 or Tier 2</u>	P1	P1	P1	A <sup>1</sup>	Α¹		
Short-Term Rentals Tier 3				<u>P</u> 1	<u>P</u> 1		
Lodging Facilities <sup>3</sup>				Р	Р		

 $P^1$  = Permitted with Standards

#### 11.23.040 STANDARDS.

(3) <del>Vacation Short-Term</del> Rentals. <u>Subject to 11.88.290 Short-Term Rentals.</u> <u>Vacation rentals, any unit</u>
 being rented for less than thirty consecutive days, shall be permitted as identified in Section 11.23.030,
 District use chart. All vacation rentals shall receive an annual permit from January 1st to December 31st,

103 under Title 14 limited administrative review, documenting conformance and agreement to conform to the

following provisions:

105 (A) Vacation rentals shall maintain the character of the surrounding neighborhood by:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Through the Task Force process, the report indicated "Lodge permitted by CUP only in commercial zones." However the focus of the Short-Term Rental code is to address these as commercial uses in residential zones primarily, and the proposal was not vetted with the Planning Commission.

106	(i) Providing year around solid waste receptacles and pickup service. Trash cans, on the right-of-way,
107	should be removed within twenty-four hours of pickup; and
108	(ii) Provide at least one off-street parking space, outside of the required setbacks for each two rented
109	bedrooms. Where off-street parking requirements cannot be met the number of rented bedrooms shall
110	<del>be limited; and</del>
111	(iii) Noise emanating from any use shall be in conformance with Chapter 7.35; and
112	(iv) Occupancy. The maximum number of occupants permitted to stay overnight shall be two people for
113	each bedroom plus two additional persons, excluding children under the age of six; and
114	(v) Placing, adjacent to the front door (outside), a legible sign clearly visible to the general public listing
115	the maximum number of occupants permitted to stay overnight, the maximum number of vehicles allowed
116	to be parked on site, and the name and contact information of the local contact person.
117	(B) Vacation rentals shall provide a local contact person (within a forty-mile radius) twenty-four hours a
118	day seven days a week. Contact information shall be provided to the adjacent properties, the Manson
119	community council, District 5 fire chief, and the Chelan County sheriff.
120	l Enforcement. Any violation of the provisions of this chapter is punishable pursuant to Title 16.
121	Enforcement actions may be brought against the owner of the vacation rental home for the conduct
122	constituting the violation.
123	Short-Term Rental Standards
124	CHAPTER 11.88 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS AND ACCESSORY USES
125	11.88.290 Short-Term Rental Regulations
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126	(1) PURPOSE
127	(A) The purpose of this section is to establish regulations for the operation of short-term rentals as
128	defined in Chelan County Code (CCC) 14.98, within the unincorporated portions of Chelan
129	County, except short-term rental properties within the Stehekin valley area portion of Chelan
130	County. This chapter also establishes a short-term rental land use permit.
131	(i) Stehekin Valley short-term rental code development. Stehekin valley is a remote
132	portion of Chelan County accessible by only horse, foot, water, and air travel. It also
133	lacks modern communication infrastructure and has other comprehensive planning,
134	infrastructure, economic, natural resource, and other land ownership and land use
135	considerations. Because of these and other considerations, an additional public process
136	will be needed to specifically develop regulations applicable to short-term rentals in this
137	location. That code will be developed at a later date.

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impact of excessive short-term rentals on the affordable housing supply.

(B) The provisions of this chapter are necessary to promote the public health and safety by

protecting year-round residents' enjoyment of their homes and neighborhoods by minimizing the

nuisance impact of short-term rentals on adjacent residences and by minimizing the detrimental

142 143	(C) The provisions of this chapter are necessary for consistency with the goals and policies of the Chelan County Comprehensive Plan including but not limited to,
144	(i) Land Use Element considerations of commercial and residential development that
145	provides sustainable economic opportunity while limiting localized sprawl, maintaining
146	community character, and providing employment opportunities for residents, and
147	anticipating future needs,
148	(ii) Housing Element goals and policies including, but not limited to, appropriate placement
149	of vacation rentals to avoid impacting neighborhood character $^4$ and housing stock,
150	accessibility to affordable housing for all residents, providing for a variety of residential
151	housing types and densities, and supporting regulatory changes that promote affordable
152	housing options in all locations in the county,
153	(iii) Rural Element goals and policies including, but not limited to, maintaining natural
154	environment features that support natural resource-based economic activities including
155	small scale recreation and tourist uses, wildlife habitats, traditional rural lifestyles, outdoor
156	recreation, and open space.
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1 <i>57</i>	(2) Type, Number, and Location
158	(A) Type. Short-term rentals are distinguished in three tiers.
159	(i) Tier 1: Owner-occupied short-term rentals where either (a) rooms are rented and the
160	owner is personally present at the dwelling during the rental period, or (b) the short-term
161	rental is located within the same parcel as the owner's principal residence and the owner
162	is personally present at the dwelling during the rental period, or (c) the entire dwelling is
163	rented no more than 15 total days in a calendar year provided that an on-site qualified
164	person is there during the owner's absence. Portions of calendar days shall be counted as
165	<u>full days.</u>
166	(ii) Tier 2: Short-term rentals at a dwelling that is not a Tier 1 or Tier 3 short-term rental.
167	(iii) Tier 3: Short-term rentals exceeding occupancy limits applicable to Tier 1 and Tier 2
168	units as identified in CCC 11.88.290(3) or containing group facilities designed to host
169	events such as weddings, gatherings, or retreats subject to the provisions of CCC
170	11.88.290 (3)(B)(iii), provided they obtain conditional use permits to operate pursuant to
171	the applicable provisions of 11.88.290(3)(B)(iii) and (4)(D)(ii) before operation as a Tier 3
172	short-term rental. No short-term rental may operate as a Tier 3 short-term rental without
173	meeting all Tier 3 provisions as applicable to their property under the requirements found
174	within this chapter.
175	(iv) Existing non-conforming short-term rentals must comply with the provisions of
176	Subsection (3)(B) below.
177	(B) Tiered Permits and Numbers Allowed.
178	(i) Tier 1: New Short-term rentals are allowed where permitted per Subsection (C).

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 4}$  Relates to Policy H 2.4 that is directly relevant to this proposed code.

#### (ii) Tier 2 and Tier 3:

(a) New Tier 2 and 3 short-term rentals cannot be located where short term rentals make up more than the maximum share of the total housing stock in residential zoning districts listed in the table below. This is the maximum share of short-term rentals in residential zones within zip codes or within urban growth areas where the use is expressly allowed. Leavenworth subareas are identified based on the boundaries in Attachment B. If the share equals or exceeds this level, no new short-term rentals are allowed until the total number falls below this maximum limit.

#### **Maximum Share of Short-Term Rentals**

Area	Name of Area	Maximum Share of Short-Term Rentals*
<u>Zip Code 98826</u>	<u>Leavenworth</u>	<u>6%</u>
Subarea 1	<u>Lake Wenatchee</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>Subarea 2</u>	<u>Plain</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>Subarea 3</u>	<u>Leavenworth</u>	<u>6%</u>
Other Zip Codes	Each individually	<u>6%</u>
<u>Urban Growth Area</u>	<u>Manson</u>	9%
<u>Urban Growth Area</u>	<u>Peshastin</u>	0%
City Assigned Unincorporated	Each individually	6%
<u>Urban Growth Areas</u>		

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum Percent Share of Short-Term Rentals in Residential Zones as part of Total Housing Stock.

(b) To calculate the maximum share of short-term rentals in subsection (B)(ii)(a), total dwelling units must be determined based on the latest annual count of total housing units by the State of Washington Office of Financial Management, or another state or county agency that tracks Chelan county housing inventory. Short-term rental percentages must be determined at the time the number of allowed short-term rentals is determined per Subsection (4) of this section.

(c) Tier 2 and Tier 3 short-term rentals in the following zones are not subject to the maximum cap in (a): Rural Commercial zoned Districts, Manson and Peshastin Urban Growth Areas Commercially zoned districts, Planned Unit Development Overlay Districts expressly permitting short-term rentals, or Master Planned Resorts Overlay Districts.

(iii) Existing non-conforming short-term rentals of any Tier level are not subject to the limitations in Subsection (2)(B) provided they comply with all the provisions of Subsection (2)(F) below.

(C) Zones Allowed. In order to operate, short-term rentals must be allowed pursuant to:

(i) Section 11.04.020 applicable to all Rural and Resource Designations, except as limited in Subsection (2)(B).

(ii) Section 11.22.030 applicable to the Peshastin Urban Growth Area, except as limited in Subsection (2)(B).

(iii) Section 11.23.030 applicable to the Manson Urban Growth Area, except as limited in Subsection (2)(B).

(iv) The Board of Chelan County commissioners adopts the cities of Cashmere, Chelan, Entiat, Leavenworth, and Wenatchee land use regulations, development standards and land use designations, as they apply to short term or vacation rentals of 30 days or less, within the county adopted unincorporated urban growth area respecting each city as it is now or is hereafter amended for the cities of Cashmere, Chelan, Entiat, Leavenworth, and Wenatchee, provided that, any city regulation requiring acquisition of a business license is not adopted nor incorporated as a county regulation and that instead a Conditional Use Permit may be required, and the County's review procedures in this Subsection 11.88.290 must control.

(v) Existing non-conforming short-term rentals of any Tier level are not subject to the limitations in Subsection (2)(C) provided they comply with all the provisions of Subsection (2)(F) below.

#### (D) Lot Size and Lot Location Standards

(i) Minimum lot sizes for new and conforming short-term rentals set forth in this Subsection are the minimum necessary and shall not be subject to reduction pursuant to Chapter 11.95 variances, Chapter 11.97 non-conforming lots, structures, and uses, Chapter 11.98 reasonable use, nor subject to administrative modification, provided that a lot size may be increased by acquiring fee title to adjoining parcels or segments of adjoining parcels and completing any required boundary line adjustments and associated recording and tax payment processes, prior to permit application. The following minimum lot sizes shall be required to establish a Tier 2 or Tier 3 short-term rental in zoning districts where short-term rentals are permitted or conditionally permitted:

#### Minimum Lot Area (Acres) Required to Accommodate New Short-Term Rental

<b>Zone</b>	<u>Tier 2</u>	Tier 3
<u>RR20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>RR10</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>RR5</u>	<u>5</u>	<del>10</del> 5
<u>RR2.5</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>Not allowed</u>
RRR	0.275	Not allowed
<u>RW</u>	<del>1</del> 0.275	<u>Not allowed</u>
RV	<u>0.275</u>	Not allowed

(ii) New and conforming Tier 2 short-term rentals in all residential zones cited in subsection (D) and within the Manson UGA shall be located a minimum of 200 feet apart as measured from all points of the existing short-term rental structures to proposed short-term rental structures. This distance shall not be subject to reduction pursuant to Chapter 11.95 variances, Chapter 11.97 non-conforming lots, structures, and uses, Chapter 11.98 reasonable use, nor subject to administrative modification.

(iii) Proposals for new and conforming Tier 3 short-term rentals shall be located on sites with direct access off of functionally classified highways consistent with the Chelan County Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Access shall be consistent with CCC 15.30.330. Direct access means either parcel frontage or driveway access from the highway right of way.

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(iv) Existing non-conforming short-term rentals of any Tier level are not subject to the limitations in Subsection (2)(D) or (2)(E) provided they comply with all the provisions of Subsection (2)(F) below.

#### (E) Number of Short-term rentals.

(i) Short-term rental use is a commercial use. Where excess rental units exist in residential communities, it has been shown to be detrimental to the affordable residential housing inventory and adversely affect the residential character of those neighborhoods.

(a) New Tier 2 and Tier 3 short-term rentals may be established in the locations cited in Subsection (2)(B) and (2)(C) if the combined percentage of Tier 2 and Tier 3 short-term rentals as a share of total dwelling units is less than the share cited in Subsection (2)(B) and the applications meet all requirements of 11.88.290 as determined by the Director.

#### (F) Existing Short-Term Rentals:

(i) A short-term rental use shall not be considered lawfully established and existing, and allowed to continue to operate as a legally non-conforming use unless the owner proves all of the following:

- (a) That a location was actually, physically used for short-term rental purposes during the periods specified in (F)(i)(b) and (f). Proof of rental listing, income generated, and tax payment is also required. The Director may permit dwellings with approved unexpired building permits issued before August 25, 2020 where the applicant noted on the building permit application form that it was intended to be used as a short term or vacation rental, and was constructed and issued a certificate of occupancy within six months of the effective date of this ordinance to be considered as an existing short-term rental; and
- (b) That all applicable state and local taxes required under RCW 64.37 were fully and timely paid for all short-term rental use between July 28, 2019 and August 25, 2020; and
- (c) That the short-term rental meets all requirements of Subsection (3) within one year of the effective date of this ordinance, provided that all health and safety provisions are met within 90 days of the effective date of this ordinance, except that in the Manson Urban Growth Area, all health and safety provisions shall be met on the effective date of this ordinance; and
- (d) That the short-term rental operator has obtained the required land use permits within the time requirements in Subsection (4); and
- (e) Liability insurance shall be obtained within 90 days of the effective date of this ordinance (XXX 2021) per Subsection (3)(N); and
- (ef) If located inside of the Manson Urban Growth Area, documentary evidence that the short-term rental was properly registered as a vacation rental with Chelan County per 11.23.040 as of August 25, 2020, or that the short-term rental owner held a vacation rental license at any time since inception of the Manson UGA vacation rental licensing process and actually operated as a short-term rental in

the years 2019 or 2020. For short-term rentals without a consistent vacation rental permit history, but which operated in the years 2019 or 2020, the County shallrequire the payment of double permit fees for each prior year of rental operation without a vacation rental license within the Urban Growth Area. This documentary evidence also satisfies the requirements found in (F)(i)(a) above.

(ii) Non-conforming Short-Term Rental Units Restricted Zones, or by Parcel Size, Numbers Allowable, or Rental Standards.

- (a) Except as provided in (2)(F)(iii) and (iv) below, where a zone, parcel size, or percentage of overall housing inventory cap by zip code or urban growth area does not expressly allow new short-term rental units as of XXX, 2021 according to CCC Sections 11.04.020, 11.22.030, 11.23.030, 11.88.290(2)(B), (2)(D), and (3) only those short-term rentals that existed pursuant to (F)(i)(b) and (f), will be allowed to operate consistent with all criteria in Subsection (F)(i) above and meet the occupancy requirements of Subsection (2)(A), they may continue to operate as <u>legally non-conforming.</u>
- (b) Non-conforming short-term rental properties may not otherwise be changed, altered, extended, or enlarged in a manner requiring a permit issued under Chelan county codes, without first ceasing rental operation and surrendering to the county any current existing short-term rental permits, and in doing so losing legal non-conformance status as a short-term rental. Properties found in violation of this Subsection may be subject to immediate revocation of all short-term rental permits and shall lose any legally non-conforming status as a short-term rental, except a permit may be issued to repair unexpected damage from a natural or human caused event provided the repair is that which is minimally required to maintain the former conditions of the rental as it existed prior to the damage. Appeal provisions within Title 16 and Chapter 14.12 apply.
- (c) If the non-conforming short-term rental cannot comply with criteria, grace period, and timelines in Subsection (F)(i) above, it must cease operating, no later than one year from the effective date of this Ordinance (XXXX, 2021), subject to appeal under Title 16 and Chapter 14.12. Short-term rentals that began operation after the Moratorium in Resolution 2020-104 must cease immediately per subsection (e).
- (d) After expiration of the permit or revocation of the permit authorizing a nonconforming short-term rental, no operator shall operate a short-term rental, subject to appeal under Title 16 and Chapter 14.12.
- (e) Any short-term rental property that has an unresolved written notice of violation for short-term rental use, received on or before August 25, 2020, or that operated as a short term rental contrary to the August 25, 2020 Chelan County short-term rental moratorium Resolution 2020-86, or subsequent rental moratorium resolutions 2020-104 and 2021-20, shall not be considered a legally nonconforming use. Such short term rental is not subject to a grace period for continued operation and must immediately cease all short-term rental uses of the property on the effective date of adoption of this code and are subject to the

329	provisions of Title 16 CCC, provided that the appeal provisions of Title 16 and chapter 14.12 apply.
331 332 333 334 335 336 337 338 339 340 341 342 343	(iii) Nonconforming Short-Term Rental Units in Manson UGA. Where a short-term rental is located in the Manson UGA, only those short-term rentals that were properly registered as a vacation rental and meet criteria in Subsection (i), shall be considered legal nonconforming according to Chapter 11.97 CCC, provided the short-short term rental is allowed a grace period of operation in which to fully attain compliance with all current rental standards as provided in Subsection (F)(i) above. Those vacation rentals that cannot meet criteria in Subsection (F)(i) by the end of the grace period of one year from the effective date of this ordinance (XXX, 2021) shall be subject to permit termination under the grace period provisions found in paragraph (ii) above, and lose their legally non-conforming status subject to appeal provisions under Title 16 and Chapter 14.12.  (iv) Non-conforming Short-Term Rental Units in Peshastin UGA. Existing non-conforming short-term-rental units of any Tier are not an allowed use within the residential zones in the Peshastin UGA. Any existing non-conforming short-term rental in the Peshastin UGA
<ul><li>344</li><li>345</li></ul>	must immediately cease operation upon adoption of this code.  (3) SHORT-TERM RENTAL STANDARDS
346	(A) Primary or Accessory Residence.
<ul><li>347</li><li>348</li><li>349</li></ul>	(i) Short-term rentals must be operated out of an owner's main house or a legally established accessory dwelling unit. In no case, shall an owner or operator make available a recreational vehicle, tent, or other temporary or mobile unit for short-term rental.
350 351 352 353	(ii) A short-term rental owner may operate only one short-term rental per parcel, which may be in either the main house or the accessory dwelling unit but not both. If the short-term rental occurs in a multifamily dwelling the same owner may not rent more than one unit in the development.
354 355 356 357	(iii) A short-term rental owner may exceed the limits placed on short-term rentals in (ii) above on a parcel subject to the district zoning requirements of a Rural Commercial county zone or similar Urban Growth Area commercial zone, provided the short-term rental must comply with the provisions of 11.22.020, 11.22.030, or 11.23.030.
358	(B) Occupancy.
359 360 361 362	(i) The number of bedrooms shall not exceed the number approved in relation to the on- site sewage system approved by the Chelan-Douglas Health District, or strictly follow the requirements of any sewer district or other waste management provider that is being utilized by the rental.
363 364	(a) All conforming and non-conforming short-term rentals must meet and maintain this standard immediately, and this provision is not subject to any grace period.
365	(ii) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Occupancy limits.
366 367	(a) Overnight Occupancy. The owner or operator must limit overnight occupancy to no more than two guests per bedroom, not to exceed:

368	Tier 1: a total of 8 guests including children, but excluding owner
369	Tier 2: a total of 12 guests including children.
370	Tier 3: a total of 16 guests including children.
371	(b) Daytime Occupancy.
372 <b>3</b> 73	Tier 1: At no time shall the total number of persons at a short-term rental exceed 8 persons, including children, but excluding owner.
374 375	Tier 2: At no time shall the total number of persons at a short-term rental exceed 12 persons, including children.
376 377	Tier 3: At no time shall the total number of persons at a short-term rental exceed 16 persons, including children.
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379 380 381 382 383	(c) A Tier 1 or Tier 2 short-term rental owner that wants to exceed this daytime occupancy limit must apply for and receive a Conditional Use Permit and satisfy all the Conditions of Approval, becoming a Tier 3 short term rental for purpose of this Chapter, and must complete all the requirements as provide in Paragraph (3)(B)(iii)(b) below.
384	(iii) Tier 3 Occupancy limits.
385 386 387 388 389 390 391	(a) Exceeding Daytime Occupancy. In order to exceed total daytime occupancy limits contained in section (3)(B)(ii) above, an operator must first obtain a Conditional Use Permit and satisfy all the Conditions of Approval before operation, provided that the zone allows short-term rentals as a permitted, or conditionally permitted use and meets all other short-term rental requirements of this section provided that overnight occupancy is limited to 16 persons including children, and shall not have more than two quests per bedroom. All applicable criteria of CCC Chapter 11.93 shall be met.
392 393 394 395 396 397	(b) Short-term rentals may exceed occupancy limits of 11.88.290(3)(B)(ii) above and may contain group facilities designed to host events such as weddings, gatherings, or retreats provided an operator must either take access from a highway consistent with 11.88.290(2)(D)(iii), or be located in a commercial zone. In addition, the Tier 3 applicant must first obtain a Conditional Use Permit and satisfy all Conditions of Approval consistent with CCC 11.93.315.
398 399	(c) Facilities exceeding overnight occupancies of 16 persons are considered lodging facilities that must meet the requirements of that zone and use.
400	(C) Parking.
401 402 403	(i) One off-street patron parking space in addition to the residential parking requirements, not located within a setback, shall be provided for each bedroom consistent with the provisions of Chapter 11.90.
404 405 406	(ii) The number of vehicles allowed at the short-term rental must be limited to the number of bedrooms plus one; this requirement must be included in the Property Management Plan per Section (3)(K) provided that a Tier 3 rental may exceed these limits for hosted events

407 if a Conditional Use Permit has been obtained and all Conditions of Approval have been 408 satisfied consistent with CCC 11.93.315. 409 (iii) Unlawful or unsafe parking by short-term rental tenants and guests, owner joint 410 liability if violation not abated. Qualified Persons or Owners of short-term rental 411 properties notified of unlawful or unsafe complaints related to their short-term rental 412 tenants, or their quests are responsible to promptly abate the parking complaints 413 emanating from their property for non-compliance with (i) and (ii) above, or for parking on the property of a neighbor without express permission, or blocking the access to that 414 415 neighboring driveway, or preventing their unobstructed use of that neighboring property. 416 If the owner fails to cause the parking complaint to be abated within 60 minutes of 417 notification of the complaint, he is subject to the enforcement penalties jointly and 418 severally with the renter, or quest creating the parking violation under this Chapter and 419 Title 16. 420 (iv) Repeat violations. Repeated parking violations on or adjacent to the same property 421 may be subject to additional penalties under Chapter 16.20, up to and including 422 revocation of the short-term rental land use permits under 16.20.030. 423 (D) Garbage. 424 (i) Trash containers must be provided. Trash must be in proper containers on collection day. 425 <u>Trash must be managed in compliance with CCC Chapter 4.04 Garbage. This requirement</u> 426 must be included in the Property Management Plan per Section (3)(K) and good neighbor 427 guidelines per Subsection (3)(M). 428 (E) Noise. 429 (i) Short-term rentals must be operated in compliance with Chapter 7.35 Noise Control. This requirement must be included in the Property Management Plan per Section (3)(K). 430 431 (ii) Public disturbance noise complaints. Renters are subject to the provisions of Chapter 432 7.35. Owners of short term rental properties notified of complaints are responsible to 433 promptly abate public disturbance noise complaints on their property. If the owner fails 434 to cause the noise to be abated within 60 minutes of notification of the complaint, he is 435 subject to compliance with Chapter 7.35 and the enforcement penalties jointly and severally with the renter creating the public disturbance noise. 436 437 (iii) Repeat violations. Repeated public disturbance noise violations on the same property 438 may be subject to additional penalties under Chapter 16.20, up to and including 439 revocation of the short term rental land use permits under Section 16.20.030. 440 (F) Trespass. 441 (i) Owners or operators must provide rules in rental contracts restricting occupants from 442 trespassing on neighboring private property and identify proper routes to public places 443 such as easements to shorelines. Such trespass rules must be included in the property management plan in (3)(K) and good neighbor guidelines per Subsection (3)(M). 444

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(ii) Trespass by short-term rental tenants and guests, owner joint liability. Qualified

Persons or Owners of short-term rental properties notified of trespassing complaints

related to their short-term rental tenants, or their quests are responsible to promptly

abate trespass complaints emanating from their property. If the owner fails to cause the 448 449 trespass to be abated within 60 minutes of notification of the complaint, he is subject to 450 the enforcement penalties jointly and severally with the renter, or guests creating the 451 trespass under Chapter 7.32.030 and Title 16. 452 (iii) Repeat violations. Repeated trespass violations on or adjacent to the same property 453 may be subject to additional penalties under Chapter 16.20, up to and including 454 revocation of the short term rental land use permits under 16.20.030. 455 (G) Signs. 456 (i) All owners or operators must display and maintain the address of the residence so that 457 it is clearly visible from the street or access road in compliance with CCC 10.20.520 458 requirements. The rental must also display and maintain an additional sign outside 459 identifying the property as short-term rental and displaying the name and contact phone 460 number of the qualified person listed in Subsection (4)(J) below. The sign must be made of 461 natural materials not exceeding two square feet in area and if illuminated, must be 462 indirectly illuminated, and letters and numbers must at a minimum four inches in height. 463 (ii) Placement of the sign. (a) For short-term rental structures located fifty feet or less from the primary road, 464 465 the sign text shall be displayed on the side of the structure facing the road and 466 shall be visible from the road designated in the assigned address. 467 (b) For short-term rental structures located fifty feet or more from the primary 468 road, or for buildings not visible from the road, the sign text shall be posted inside 469 the owner's property line at the access point to the road designated in the 470 assigned address. 471 (iii) If the permanent contact information changes during the permit period, the new 472 information must be changed on the sign. Renewal applications must provide evidence of 473 the sign. 474 (iv) The Director may allow annual mailings to neighboring properties and an interior 475 posted notice for tenants in lieu of an exterior sign where a property's size and visibility 476 make an exterior sign ineffective. 477 (H) Consumer Safety. 478 (i) All Consumer Safety requirements of RCW 64.37.030 must be met by the owner or operator. Violations are subject to Title 16. Requirements must be included in the property 479 480 management plan in (3)(K). 481 (I) Fire Safety and Outdoor Burning. 482 (i) Each owner or operator must include a fire protection plan in their property 483 management plan in Subsection (3)(K) to alert renters to respect firewise efforts on a 484 property, or to comply with travel or activity restrictions of CCC Chapter 7.52, Fire 485 Hazard Areas. The fire protection plan shall demonstrate consistency with a Ready Set Go 486 program or equivalent; this includes, but is not limited to, restricting the use of fireworks,

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outdoor fires, open flame devices, portable fireplaces, fire pits, chimeneas, or BBQ

488	devices. All permanently installed outdoor flame devices, as well as portable burning
489	devices shall have the ability to be secured from use in accordance with CCC 7.52 Fire
490	Hazard Areas and these devices must be secured during all periods of regulated burning
491	restrictions banning the use of that device.
492	(ii) At least one 2A:10BC fire extinguisher, charged, maintained, and in serviceable
493	condition shall be prominently available in the common living space.
494	(J) Qualified Person.
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495	(i) The owner or operator must provide the name, telephone number, address, and email
496 40 <del>7</del>	of a qualified person (which can be a person or company) who can be contacted
497	concerning use of the property and/or complaints and can respond to the property within
498	60 minutes to complaints related to the short-term rental consistent with the requirements
499 500	of this section. The owner or operator must provide a valid telephone number where
500	qualified person can be reached 24 hours per day, every day the property is rented.
501	(ii) Failure to have a Qualified Person available to respond when contacted, or a failure
502	to abate any complaint regarding a rental code standard under Subsection 3 of this
503	Section by the Qualified Person or owner within 60 minutes is a violation under this
504	Subsection and subjects the owner to the civil penalties provided in 16.20.030.
505	(ii) Repeat violations. A second subsequent violation within 12 months of the previous
506	violation of failing to have a qualified person available or to respond to a complaint, is
507	grounds for revocation of the short-term rental permit under 16.20.030.
307	grounds for revocation of the short-term remai permit under 10.20.050.
508	(K) Property Management Plan.
509	(i) Short-term rentals must maintain an up-to-date property management plan on file with
510	the Chelan County Community Development Department. The property management plan
511	must include the following:
512	(a) Provide a floor plan and site map clearly depicting the property boundaries of
513	the short-term rental, and the escape route in case of an emergency. The map must
514	indicate if there is an easement that provides access to a shoreline; if so, the
515	boundaries of the easement must be clearly defined. If there is no access, this must
516	be indicated together with a warning not to trespass;
51 <i>7</i>	(b) Provide the unified business identifier number, and the names and addresses of
518	the property owner;
519	(c) Designate a qualified person and provide contact information consistent with
520	(3)(j) ; and
521	(d) Provide information required for Consumer Safety per (3)(H) and RCW
522	64.37.030 and fire protection plan per (3)(1).
523	(e) All units must have an operable landline or Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP)
524	telephone installed to aid in emergency response, and the dwelling recorded in
525	"Rivercom" data base. The address and phone number of the property and the
526	contact phone number for the qualified person shall be prominently displayed
527	near the phone. If land line or VOIP is not available at the site, the Director may
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528 529	at his discretion allow the owner or operator of the short-term rental to use an alternative means of direct phone communication, as long as the communication
530	device is fixed at the location and the phone number is not changed within the
531	annual permitting period. This phone number shall be noted on the permit
532	application and the property management plan. Renter-owned or possessed
533	mobile phones shall not be used in place of this requirement.
534	(f) The plan must identify the method by which the owner/operator will notify
535	renters of emergency or temporary conditions such as burn bans.
536	(g) The plan must specify the maximum number of guests and number of bedrooms.
537	(h) The plan must include the maximum number of vehicles allowed, and the
538	designated parking space locations allocated for each vehicle.
539	(i) The plan must be kept up to date at the time of the annual permit and include
540	the annual permit number per Subsection (L).
541	(i) The plan must include the Good Neighbor Guidelines per Subsection (M).
542	(L) Annual Permit Number.
543	(i) The owner or operator must include the Chelan County land use permit number for the
544	short-term rental in all advertisements (AirBnB, VRBO, Craigslist, poster, etc.) and
545	marketing materials such as brochures and websites.
546	(M) Good Neighbor Guidelines.
547	(ii) Owners and operators must acknowledge receipt and review of a copy of the good
548	neighbor guidelines. Owners and operators must provide evidence that the good neighbor
549	guidelines have been effectively relayed to short-term rental tenants, by incorporating it
550	into the property management plan, and rental contract, posting it online, providing it in a
551	conspicuous place in the dwelling unit, or a similar method.
552	(N) Liability Insurance.
553	(i) A short-term rental owner or operator must maintain primary liability insurance
554	consistent with RCW 64.37.050.
555	(O) Taxes.
556	(i) The owner or operator must comply with CCC Chapter 6.30 Lodging Tax, and other
557	local sales taxes and state hotel/motel and sales taxes in accordance with the Department
558	of Revenue.
	(4) LAND USE PERMITS
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560	(A) Land Use Permit Required.
561	(i) No short-term rental owner or operator may advertise, offer, operate, rent, or
562	otherwise make available or allow any other person to make available for occupancy or
563	use as a short-term rental without a valid short-term rental administrative land use permit
564	issued by the Director or a Conditional Use Permit approved by the Hearing Examiner

565 566	pursuant to Chapter 14.10. All dwelling units on a single parcel shall be reviewed concurrently in the same application.
567	(ii) All uses on the property must fully comply with CCC Title 11 and the property may not
568 569	have existing unresolved Chelan County code violations under Title 16 in order to be eligible to apply for a short term rental land use permit under this chapter.
570	(B) Annual Renewal. Annual renewal of the short-term rental land use permit is required.
571	(i) The department shall by September 1 of each year, mail a renewal reminder notice to
572	the permitted owner or operator, sent to the postal address or the email address on file
573	reminding of the renewal requirement of the rental permit requirement.
574	(ii) A permit expires on December 31 of each year, regardless of when it is issued.
575	(iii) All permitting fees are not pro-rated.
576	(iv) All permit renewal applications must be received by October 31 of the preceding
577	<u>year.</u>
578	(a) At their discretion the Director may, upon showing of a hardship reason for
579	applicant's delay, accept permit renewal applications received after October
580	31 but before December 31 of the same year and may assess double the
581	normal fees for permitting, provided the short-term rental may not continue
582	operation past December 31 until the permit application is approved and a
583	permit issued.
584	(b) Permit renewal applications received after December 31 will not be accepted
585	and the short term rental must immediately cease operations on January 1 of
586	the following year. The owner and property loses any vesting to continue
587	operation as a legally conforming or non-conforming short term rental under
588	this chapter. Expired short term rentals under this Subsection are then subject
589	to the housing cap provisions of 11.88.290(2)(B) and must apply as a new
590	short term rental if all other provisions of 11.88.290 allow.
591	(C) Permit Applications.
592	(i) Short-term Rental owners must apply for an administrative land use permit to establish
593	compliance with this code. Fees consistent with CCC 3.24.010 must be paid. Applicable
594	fees shall reflect costs for review, inspections, and permitting of different short-term renta
595	tiers, and inspections at the appropriate stage. All other permit costs apply. Fees are due
596	at the time permit application.
597	(D) Application Acceptance and Evaluation.
598	(i) All short-term rentals operating as of dates established in (2)(F) and subject to
599	Resolution 2020-104, shall pay a fee and register on a department registration form by
600	January 31, 2022. Those owners and properties failing to register within this time period
601	will not be considered as an existing and non-conforming short-term rental use under this
602	Section and forfeit any claim of non-conforming short term rental use status under this
603	Section, subject to appeal provisions under Title 16 and Chapter 14.12.

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(a) All short-term rental owners wishing to continue short term rental land use operation past the registration, shall also apply for a short term rental permit for the current year on a provisional self-certification form no later than January 31, 2022. This self-certification form serves as the first provisional short term rental permit application.

(ii) Within the first calendar year of implementation or not later than December 31, 2022, the Director may upon review for accuracy, completeness, and code compliance, provisionally approve a Tier 1 short-term rental property, or any existing non-conforming Tier 1, 2, or 3 short-term rental property as provided in 11.88.290(2)(F), for an initial short-term rental administrative land use permit subject to the owner completing a selfcertification form in (i)(a) above provided that inspections in Subsection (4)(H) are accomplished prior to the first renewal thereafter.

- (a) Non-conforming Tier 3 short term rentals must also apply for any required conditional use permit within the first calendar year of provisionally permitted operation. At the discretion of the Director, a Tier 3 short term rental requiring a Conditional Use Permit may obtain a provisional land use permit for a second consecutive year if the owner can demonstrate that they have an accepted complete Conditional Use Permit application under review and consideration by October 31 of the first year.
- (b) At the discretion of the Director a non-conforming Tier 3 short term rental may receive a third and final provisional land use permit if a Conditional Use Permit has been issued, but the owner is currently in the process of complying with all the conditions of approval, provided all Conditions of Approval of the use permit must be satisfied by October 31 of the third year of operation in order to be eligible to apply for subsequent year short term rental land use permits.

(iii) New compliant Tier 2 and Tier 3 land use permit applicants may apply to obtain a new short-term rental permit pursuant to the provisions and limitations of 11.88.290(2).

#### WAITING LIST OPTION

(a) Permit applications, or reservations for application appointments, will be taken on a first come, first served basis at the Community Development office starting at 9:00 AM on the published date allowing permit submission. The number of permit applications accepted will not exceed the number of short-term rentals allowed per the applicable housing cap within each zip code and Urban Growth Area as provided in Subsection (2)(B). Once the limit on the number of applications has been reached, the window of time for submission shall be closed for that year.

(b) The Director shall annually by March 15 determine the share of short-term rentals to the overall housing stock in each of the unincorporated zip codes and urban growth areas, and accordingly schedule a permit application time window, to be held only once annually between June 1 and July 31, to allow new shortterm rental applications for the following year in each zip code and urban growth area where the cap in Subsection (2)(B) is not exceeded.

<b>6</b> 46	LOTTERY OPTION
647	(a) The Director shall annually by March 15 determine the share of short-term
<b>6</b> 48	rentals to the overall housing stock in each of the unincorporated zip codes and
<b>6</b> 49	urban growth areas. To allow new short-term rental applications for the following
<b>6</b> 50	year in each zip code and urban growth area where the cap in Subsection (2)(B) is
<b>651</b>	not exceeded, the Director shall accordingly schedule an application period for
652	new short-term rentals for April 1 to May 31.
653	(b) Permits submitted in (a) will be entered into a lottery. The lottery shall be
<b>6</b> 54	scheduled annually between June 15 and July 31. The lottery must be conducted
<b>6</b> 55	at a public meeting after the publishing of a legal notice a minimum of 10 days
<b>6</b> 56	prior to the lottery. The number of issued permits selected by lottery will not
657	exceed the number allowed per the applicable cap in subsection (2)(B). Selected
<b>6</b> 58	permits remain valid until such time as an annual renewal is required.
659	(c) If the number of applicants for the available number of permits is less than the
660	number of permits available, the permits will be issued on a first come first served
661	<u>basis.</u>
662	(d) A completed permit application does not guarantee that the applicant will
663	receive a permit to operate a short term rental. Application acceptance only
664	guarantees participation in the permit application process and a review for
665	subsequent permitting under the regulations in existence at time of selection.
666	(e) Any applicant who does not complete the required application forms, complete
667	any required inspections or other processes contained within this chapter, and fully
<b>φ</b> 68	submit any required supplemental information requested by the department by
669	any required deadlines, including application for any required Conditional Use
670	Permits, or upon application review is found to have knowingly provided false
671	information, or the applicant or property is found to be out of compliance with this
672	or other titles of Chelan County land use or development codes, is ineligible for a
673	short term rental permit. The applicant shall not receive any further processing of
674	their applicationOnce denied, the applicant shall not be eligible for rental
675	permit application until such time as the owner can show compliance with Chelan
676	County regulations.
677	(f) All application fees are non-refundable.
678	(E) Term.
679	(i) A short-term rental land use permit must be issued for a period of one calendar year,
680	with its effective date running from the date the application is due as set forth in
681	Subsection (4)(D) above and must be renewed annually by the owner or operator
682	provided all applicable standards of this section are met.
683	(F) Forms and Procedures.
684	(i) Applications for short-term rental land use permits must be on forms provided by the
685	County, demonstrating the application meets the standards required by this section. Permit
686	review procedures and appeals must be consistent with Title 14.
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687 (G) Nonuse. 688 (i) All short-term rentals must operate under a current short-term rental land use permit 689 regardless of nonuse. If a property has not been rented in a twelve-month period, 690 renewal of short-term rental land use permit must still be met to maintain the validity of 691 the permit. 692 (H) Fire, safety, health, short term rental standards, and building codes compliance, and 693 inspections. 694 (i) Fire and Emergency Safety and Short Term Rental Standards. Prior to approving the 695 initial short-term rental permit, the applicable fire district or community development 696 personnel must perform a life-safety and applicable short term rental or conditional land 697 use permit standards inspection, except as provided under Subsections (H)(iv) and (H)(v). 698 (ii) Wastewater. Each applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director they 699 have a proper and permitted onsite sewage system meeting applicable Health District 700 permitting and standards for the occupancy. 701 (iii) The Director may waive inspections under Subsections (H)(i) and (H)(ii) associated with 702 the initial short-term rental permit if the owner provides a notarized affidavit from the 703 applicable fire district or fire marshal or Chelan-Douglas Health District that the short-term 704 rental complies with applicable requirements in Subsections (H)(i) and (H)(ii). 705 (iv) After the unit is approved and permitted for rental, a completed self-certification 706 checklist for health and safety is required to be submitted by the owner with each annual 707 short-term land use permit renewal consistent with forms provided by the Director. 708 (v) Owner Responsibility. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the short-term rental 709 is and remains in substantial compliance with all applicable codes regarding fire, building 710 and safety, health and safety, and other relevant laws. 711 (vi) Owners applying for or receiving a valid short term rental land use permit or a 712 Conditional Use Permit for short term rental or event venue use must allow the Director or 713 designee to inspect or reinspect the property at reasonable times to determine initial 714 compliance with Subsections (3) and (4)(H) of this chapter. If complaints are received, or 715 evidence is encountered indicating non-compliance with this chapter the department may 716 reinspect the property at reasonable times. Denial of entry for inspection is grounds for 717 immediate permit denial or revocation of all permits for short term rental land use under 718 this chapter pursuant to CCC Title 16.20.030. 719 (I) A short-term rental permit for conforming code compliant short-term rentals permitted 720 according to (4)(D) is transferable to a new owner under the provisions below. 721 (i) With a conforming short term rental, the new owner must obtain a new short-term rental 722 permit compliant with this section following expiration of any existing short-term rental 723 permit or cease operation. New owners must certify compliance with the conditions of 724 permit approval within 90 days after the closing date of the sale of the property. Written 725 <u>certification must be submitted to the Community Development Department on forms</u> 726 specified by the Director. New owners must apply for a new permit by the annual 727 deadline.

728	(ii) A non-conforming short term rental permitted according to the provisions of Subsection
729	(2)(F), is allowed to transfer to a new owner one time within five years of the effective
730	date of the ordinance (XXXX, 2021) consistent with (I)(iii) below. <sup>5</sup>
731	(iii) A transfer occurs when the property is sold to a person or when officers of
732	corporations are changed to remove former officers and add new officers, except that a
733	transfer does not occur when officers are changed due to death where title is held in
734	survivorship with a spouse or a transfer on the owner's death to a trust which benefits only
735	a spouse or child(ren) for the lifetime of the spouse or child(ren). The survivor may not sell
736	or transfer title, except that title may transfer among the survivors. A transfer also does
737	not occur when due to divorce a former spouse's name is removed from the deed or
738	corporation.
739	(J) Approval Criteria.
740	(i) To receive approval or renewal, an owner or operator must demonstrate to the
741	satisfaction of the Director that all approval criteria listed below have been satisfied:
742	(a) The short-term rental is located in a base or overlay zone that allows its use pursuant
743	to this section.
744	(b) The short-term rental is consistent with density limitations of this section.
745	(c) The short-term rental is consistent with short-term rental standards of this section.
746	(d) The short-term rental is consistent with all applicable health and safety requirements of
747	this section.
748	(e) The short-term rental is not the subject of outstanding code violations per Title 16.
749	(f) The short-term rental is considered non-conforming and is in full compliance with
750	Subsection (2)(F) above.
751	(g) The short-term rental has not been transferred in violation of Subsection (4)(1) above.
752	(K) Appeals of the denial or conditions of short-term rental land use permits or annual renewals
753	must be filed in compliance with Title 14 CCC.
754	(5) ENFORCEMENT
755	(A) Within Chelan County jurisdiction, a short-term rental must not operate without an approved and valid
756	Short-Term Rental Permit. Evidence of operation includes, but is not limited to, advertising, online
757	calendars showing availability, guest testimony, online reviews, rental agreements, or receipts.
758	(B) Enforcement of this section will be in accordance with Title 16 CCC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> After the Task Force Process concluded the County received input that the Manson Community Council had been wishing to have a 3 year period for transfers as a tradeoff for going to 9% share of short term rentals in the UGA. As this post-dates the Task Force process and the County staff wish to have a more aligned process countywide we have noted 5 years universally here.

# 759 (6) MONITORING

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- 760 The Director shall report to the Board of County Commissioners on the status of short-term rental
- 761 regulation implementation annually at the time the existing short-term baseline is reported per (4)(D). The
- 762 County may initiate a review or amendment pursuant to Chapter 14.13.

# 11.90.060 Required off-street parking.

- 764 (1) Parking space shall be provided as shown in Table 11.90-3 for the land uses listed. The number of 765 required parking spaces shall be rounded upward to the nearest whole number if the calculation results in 766 a fractional space requirement of one-half space or more.
- 767 (2) When parking standards require ten or more parking spaces twenty-five percent of the spaces may 768 be compact spaces and shall be marked "COMPACT ONLY."

#### **Table 11.90-3**

Land Use	Required Off-Street Parking				
Residential					
Single-family, two-family, and manufactured home parks	2 spaces per dwelling unit				
Accessory dwelling unit, guest houses	1 additional space				
Multifamily (3 or more units)	1-1/2 spaces per dwelling unit				
Bed and Breakfasts and Guest Inns <u>, and Tier 1 and Tier 2, and Tier 3-overnight-lodging use-only</u> , Short-Term Rentals	1 space per bedroom and 1 space for manager				
Institutional or group homes: nursing home, correctional, retirement	1 space per 5 beds and 1 space per staff person				
Medical Facilities					
Hospitals	1-1/2 spaces per bed				
Medical or dental clinics and offices	1 space per 200 square feet				
Public Assembly					
Auditoriums, gyms, clubs, lodges, <u>Tier 3 short term rental event</u> <u>venues</u>	1 space per 4 seats or 8 feet of bench				
Churches, funeral homes	1 space per 4 seats or 8 feet of bench				
Libraries, museums, galleries, municipal	1 space per 300 square feet				
Schools					
Pre-school, daycare, kindergarten	0.07 pickup/drop-off spaces per enrolled student and 1 space per staff person				
Elementary schools	0.05 parking spaces and 0.07 pickup/drop-off spaces per enrolled student				
Junior high schools	0.08 parking spaces and 0.06 pickup/drop-off spaces per enrolled student				
High school, vocational schools, colleges	0.20 parking spaces and 0.03 pickup/drop-off spaces per enrolled student				
Commercial and Public Recreation					
Archery, gun, swimming and tennis clubs or similar use	0.3 parking spaces for every attendee				

#### **Table 11.90-3**

Land Use	Required Off-Street Parking				
Bowling alleys	5 spaces per lane				
Golf courses	2 spaces per each 100 yards length plus 1 space per 200 square feet of club house				
Hotels, motels, resorts, <u>lodging facilities</u>	1 space per guest room or suite and 1/2 space per employee				
Outdoor amusement area	0.3 spaces for every attendee				
Sports field	1 space per participant (est. 45 participants per ball field)				
Stadiums, arenas, theaters, race tracks	1 space per 4 seats or 8 feet of bench				
Swimming pools, skating rinks, dance halls	0.3 spaces for every attendee				
Commercial					
Banks, personal and professional services	1 space per 300 square feet of floor area				
Eating and drinking establishments	1 space per 100 square feet of floor area				
Retail	1 space per 300 square feet of floor area				
Retail handling bulky merchandise	1 space per 600 square feet of floor area				
Service and repair shops	1 space per 600 square feet of floor area				
Industrial					
Auto salvage yard	5 spaces plus 1 space per each 2 acres				
Manufacturing, assembly, freight terminal, wholesale, packing, storage, warehouse	1 space per employee at peak shift and 1 space per 300 square feet office space				
Transportation terminals	1 space per 100 square feet waiting area				

# Chapter 11.93 Conditional Use Permits

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771 All short-term rental applications requiring a conditional use permit shall comply with and are subject to

the provisions of this chapter in addition to chapter 11.88.

# Chapter 3.24 Community Development Department Fees

3.24.010 FEE SCHEDULE.

# 775 (a) Planning.

Application Type	Fee		
Conditional use permit	\$1,520		
Short-term rental registration.	<u>\$75</u>		

Application Type	Fee
Short-term rental (Tier 1, first permit)	<u>\$500</u>
Short-term rental ( <u>Tier 2, inspection not required, provisional first</u> permit)	\$500
Short-term rental (Tier 2, inspection required second provisional permit and first time new Tier 2 permits) <sup>1</sup>	\$900
Short-term rental if CUP required (Tier 3 first permit, includes CUP application)	\$2,270
Short-term rental (Tier 1 annual renewal)	\$500
Short-term rental (Tier 2 annual renewal, no inspections)	<u>\$500</u>
Short-term rental (Tier 3 annual renewal, if no new CUP is required)	<u>\$750</u>

1 If an owner requests inspections with the first permit or inspections are waived by the Director, the fee shall be equivalent to the annual renewal

# **Definitions**

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#### 14.98 DEFINITIONS

#### 14.98.1410 Person.

- 780 "Person" means any individual, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or any entity, public or private.
- 781 For the purposes of short-term rental regulations, person is defined consistent with in RCW 82.04.030.

# 782 14.98.265 Bed and breakfast.

- 783 "Bed and breakfast" means a facility in which one kitchen, a shared dining area, and not more than a
- 784 total of three lodging units are available within a single-family residence providing short-term lodging
- 785 <u>and food services</u>, for paying guests. <u>This definition excludes Short-Term Rentals.</u>

#### 14.98.625 Dwelling unit.

- 787 "Dwelling unit" means one or more rooms designed, occupied or intended for occupancy as a separate
- 788 living quarters with sleeping, sanitary facilities and kitchen facilities provided within the dwelling unit for
- 789 the exclusive use of a single household.

#### 14.98.915 Guest inn.

- "Guest inn" means a facility with one kitchen, a shared dining area, with not more than a total of six
- 792 lodging units, which are available within a single-family residence and/or cabin outbuildings providing
- 793 short-term lodging and food services for paying guests. This definition excludes Short-Term Rentals.

#### 14.98.1105 Lodging facilities.

- "Lodging facilities" means establishments providing transient sleeping accommodations and may also
- provide additional services such as restaurants, meeting rooms and banquet rooms. Such uses may

include, but are not limited to, hotels, motels, and lodges greater than six rooms, and any overnight accommodation that is rented nightly for 30 days or less and has an occupancy of greater than 16 persons, including children.

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#### 14.98.1110 Lodging unit.

- "Lodging unit" means one self-contained unit designated by number, letter or some other method of identification.
- 804 14.98.1632 Bedroom
- For the purposes of CCC 11.88, a "bedroom" means either enclosed or open areas within a structure
- 806 <u>being used as a Short Term Rental that provides sleeping accommodations such as mattresses, beds, sofa</u>
- 807 <u>sleepers, roll away beds, day/trundle beds, bunkbeds, murphy beds, etc. Any space used as a short-</u>
- 808 term rental bedroom under this section shall have a door or window of egress to the outside meeting that
- 809 meets the International Residential Code standard for a bedroom, and must be equipped with a working
- 810 smoke alarm in the room.

# 14.98.1691 (Short-Term Rental) Grace Period

- 812 <u>"Grace Period" means, the additional time allocated to continue operation as a short term rental until the</u>
- 813 <u>set date that the short term rental use must establish code compliance under this Chapter, or must cease</u>
- 814 operation.

# 815 14.98.1692 Short-Term Rental

- 816 "Short-Term Rental" means a commercial use utilizing a dwelling unit, or portion thereof, that is offered or
- 817 <u>provided to a guest by a short-term rental owner or operator for a fee for fewer than thirty consecutive</u>
- 818 <u>nights, by intent or net effect of days rented. They are commonly referred to as vacation rentals. They</u>
- 819 are a form of commercial tourist or transient accommodations. Short-term rental units may be whole house
- 820 rentals, apartments, condominiums, or individual rooms in homes. They are rented as a single lodging unit,
- do not provide food service, and retain the form and function of a dwelling unit. For the purpose of
- 822 <u>administration and enforcement of this title, the terms "overnight rental," "nightly rental," and "vacation</u>
- 823 rental" are interchangeable with short-term rentals. Subleasing or subletting of units for short-term rental
- 824 is prohibited if the underlying zone prohibits such use.

# 14.98.1693 Short-Term Rental Operator

- 826 "Short-term rental operator" means any person who receives payment for owning or operating a
- 827 <u>dwelling unit, or portion thereof, as a short-term rental unit, or their authorized agent including a</u>
- 828 property management company or other entity or person who has been designated by the owner, in
- writing, to act on their behalf.

# 14.98.1694 Short-Term Rental Owner

- "Owner" means any person who, alone or with others, has title or interest in any building, property,
- dwelling unit, or portion thereof, with or without accompanying actual possession thereof, and including
- any person who as agent, executor, administrator, trustee, or guardian of an estate has charge, care, or

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- dwelling unit, or portion thereof is solely that of a lessee under a lease agreement is not considered an
- 836 owner.

# 837 14.98.1695 Owner Occupied

- 838 "Owner occupied" means a rental unit is the principal residence of the owner for at least six-months in the
- 839 calendar year, and the owner is present in the dwelling or is present on the same parcel while the
- 840 <u>residence is being used as a short term rental.</u>

# 841 16.20. SHORT-TERM RENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS

### 16.20.010 Compliance

- 843 Short-term rental owners, operators, and properties must comply with the provisions of this code including
- 844 <u>but not limited to the short-term rental regulations in Titles 11 and 14 CCC. Violations and enforcement</u>
- 845 <u>must be in accord with Title 16 CCC.</u>

# 846 16.20.020 Enforcement Procedures, Notices, and Citations

- 847 (1) Enforcement Procedures. Unless specified otherwise in this chapter, all enforcement procedures in this
- 848 <u>title apply to short-term rental owners, operators, and properties.</u>
- 849 (2) Notice of Violation for Consumer Safety by County Attorney. If an owner or operator is suspected of
- violating Consumer Safety requirements of RCW 64.37.030, the County Attorney must issue a warning
- letter to the owner or operator for the first violation. Other procedures or requirements with regard to
- 852 the warning letter must be consistent with Title 16. For any repeated violations, the County will employ its
- 853 <u>standard code compliance process consistent with Title 16.</u>
- 854 (3) Citations must be issued consistent with Chapter 16.08, provided that citations may be issued on-site
- 855 at the discretion of the code compliance officer if a violation of Short-Term regulations in Titles 11 and
- 856 14 CCC occurs. Alternatively, the citation may be accomplished in another manner consistent with Title 16.

# 857 16.20.030 Civil Penalties

- 858 (1) Civil penalties must be consistent with Title 16 including Chapter 16.16. except as identified in (2)
- 859 <u>below.</u>
- 860 (2) Any additional violation of 11.88.290(3) Standards within 12 months of any preceding violation of
- 861 the same type of standard within that same subsection, is subject to a penalty of double the prior
- 862 <u>violation penalty amount.</u>
- 863 (2) The first violation of Consumer Safety requirements of RCW 64.37.030 is a class 2 civil infraction
- 864 under chapter 7.80 RCW with a fine of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125). The fine for repeated
- violations must be consistent with CCC 16.16.010 Assessment Schedule.

#### 16.20.030 Revocation

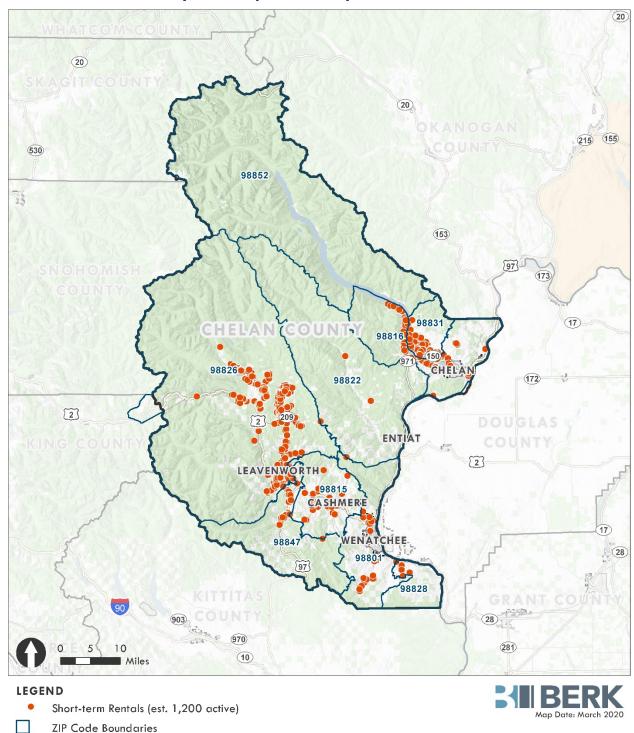
- 867 (1) Repeated failure of the owner or operator to timely and reasonably respond to a complaint(s)
- 868 <u>relayed by code compliance officers are grounds for civil fines, revocation, or other penalties consistent</u>
- 869 <u>with Title 16.</u>

870 871	(2) The following conditions may result in denial of issuance or revocation of land use permits granted under short-term rental regulations in Titles 11 and 14 CCC:
872 873	(A) Failure to renew a short-term rental land use permit pursuant to CCC 11.88.290 short-term rental regulations and Title 14 is grounds for immediate revocation of the permit.
874 875	(B) Failure to meet the criteria of CCC 11.88.290 Short-Term Rental Regulations is grounds for immediate denial of issuance or revocation of the short-term rental land use permit.
876 877 878	(C) The discovery of material misstatements or providing of false information in the short-term rental land use permit application or renewal process is grounds for immediate revocation of the permit.
879 880 881	(D) Such other violations of Titles 11, 14, and 16 of sufficient severity in the reasonable judgment of the Administrator, 6 so as to provide reasonable grounds for immediate revocation of the land use permit.
882 883	(E) If three violations are verified under Subsection (D) at any time during a twelve-month period, the penalty shall be revocation in addition to any required civil penalties under 16.20.030.
884 885 886	(F) Denial of entry for required inspection, reinspection, or interference with an inspection or reinspection of a short term rental property under CCC 11.88.290 is grounds for immediate denial of issuance or revocation of the short term rental land use permit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In Title 16, reference is made to "Administrator" whereas in Title 11 reference is made to "Director". Both have a similar meaning in Title 14 definitions.

# Attachment A: Countywide Zip Code Map

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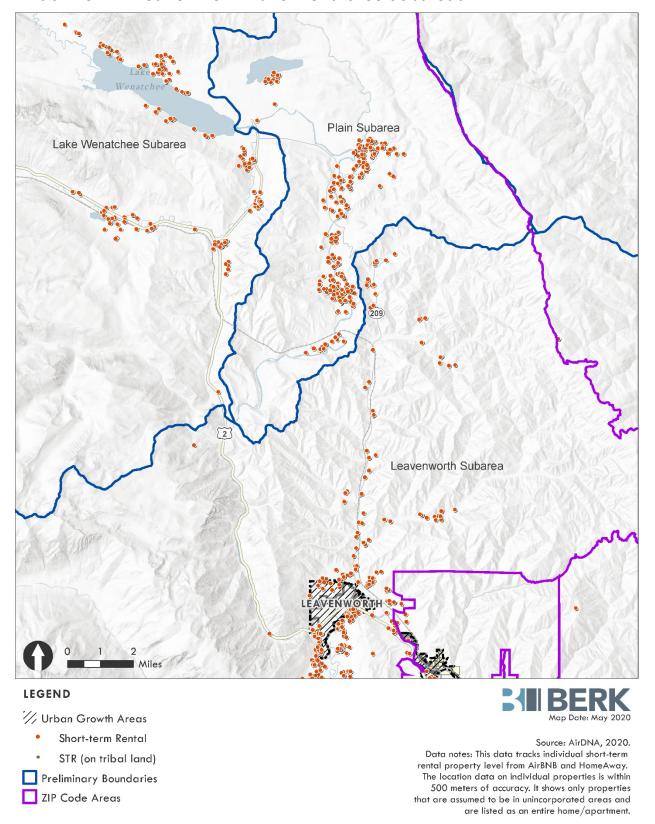


Source: AirDNA, 2020. Data notes: This data tracks individual short-term rental property level from AirBNB and HomeAway. The location data on individual properties is within 500 meters of accuracy. It shows only properties that are assumed to be in unincorporated areas and are listed as an entire home/apartment.

Sources: Chelan County GIS, 2020. BERK 2020. Powered by AirDNA: https://www.airdna.co, 2020.

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### Attachment B: Leavenworth-Lake Wenatchee Subareas



Sources: Chelan County GIS, 2020. BERK 2020. Powered by AirDNA: https://www.airdna.co, 2020.

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#### Attachment C: Short-Term Rental Data

Short-term rental regulations would apply in unincorporated areas of the county. Based on AirDNA property data, January 2020, there are about 1,247 whole home short-term rentals (generally typed as Tier 2 and 3 short-term rentals) and about 92 private rooms (generally Type 1 short-term rentals), for a total of about 1,339 short-term rentals. Since regulations often focus more on whole home rentals (Tier 2 and Tier 3 depending on occupancy) they are often a focus of the published tables.

The AirDNA information is based on two types of data – property based data and monthly based data which means some records are attached to the property and some records are attached to the monthly account.

Some data is through January 2020 (last month where full records were pulled by AirDNA – sometimes called "last scraped" date). Some data is presented by other years (e.g. December each year is chosen as a comparison to see growth in short-term rentals over time.

The table below illustrates short-term rentals by urban/rural status and by zip code compared to total dwellings.

Table 1. January 2020 AirDNA Property Data by Urban/Rural Status and Rental Type

Location	Whole Home (Tier 2 and Tier 3)	Private Room (Tier 1)	Total Whole Home & Private	% Share
Rural	970	78	1,048	49%
Cashmere				
City Limits	3	0	3	0%
UGA	5	0	5	0%
Chelan				
City Limits	477	12	489	23%
UGA	10	0	10	0%
Leavenworth				
City Limits	208	21	229	11%
UGA	29	3	32	1%
Wenatchee				
City Limits	67	22	89	4%
UGA	8	6	14	1%
Manson UGA	218	5	223	10%
Peshastin UGA	7	0	7	0%
Unincorporated Rural	970	78	1048	49%
Unincorporated UGA	277	14	291	14%
All Unincorporated	1,247	92	1,339	62%
Incorporated Cities	755	55	810	38%
Total Unincorporated and City	2,002	147	2,149	100%

Note: Geographic location is accurate for most properties with some locations within 500 meters for privacy. Sources: Chelan County Assessor; AirDNA February 2020; BERK 2020

The table below illustrates the share of short-term rental dwellings as a share of the total housing units in the zip code or county including or excluding short-term rentals on tribal land.

#### Table 2. Tier 2 and Tier 3 Short-Term Rentals (Property January 2020)

#### as Share of Total Dwellings (OFM April 2019) by Zip Code

Zip Code Community Name	Zip Code	Total Dwellings 2019	Total <u>Unincorporated</u> Dwellings 2019	January 2020 Active STRs	% short-term rentals - Unincorporated	Zip Codes Excl Units on Tribal Land (Wapato)	Alternative %
Leavenworth	98826	6,099	4,811	749	15.6%	749	15.6%
Manson	98831	2,519	2,519	281	11.2%	198	7.9%
Chelan	98816	5,333	2,492	97	3.9%	97	3.9%
Peshastin	98847	956	956	53	5.5%	53	5.5%
Wenatchee	98801	17,989	3,607	30	0.8%	30	0.8%
Cashmere	9881 <i>5</i>	2 <b>,</b> 977	1,785	28	1.6%	28	1.6%
Malaga	98828	908	908	5	0.6%	5	0.6%
Entiat	98822	1,138	551	4	0.7%	4	0.7%
Various	Various	836	836	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	Total	38,672	18,466	1,247	6.8%	1,164	6.3%

Note: Geographic location is accurate for most properties with some locations within 500 meters for privacy.

Sources: Chelan County Assessor; AirDNA February 2020; BERK 2020

The Leavenworth zip code has been considered together and in three subareas as noted in Attachment B. a count of the Tier 2 / Tier 3 short-term rentals that are visualized on the map on the following page:

#### Table 3. Tier 2 and Tier 3 Short-Term Rentals by Leavenworth Zip Code Subarea, Unincorporated Lands

Subarea (See Attachment B)	Tier 2/3 Count
Lake Wenatchee	183
Leavenworth	311
Plain	255
Grand Total	749

Note: Geographic location is accurate for most properties with some locations within 500 meters for privacy.

Sources: Chelan County Assessor; AirDNA February 2020; BERK 2020

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The Manson UGA share of short-term rentals as a part of the housing stock is presented below.

#### Table 4. Manson UGA Tier 2/Tier 3 Short-Term Rental Units (January 2020)

Туре	Number
Whole Home Short-Term Rentals (February 2019)	218*
Housing Units (OFM April 2019)	1,350
Share of Short Term Rentals	16%

Note: Geographic location is accurate for most properties with some locations within 500 meters for privacy.

\* 2 units are zoned UR2 but mapped outside the UGA. It would not change the 16% share of short-term rentals in the UGA.

Sources: Chelan County Assessor; AirDNA February 2020; BERK 2020

By zone, the short-term rental information is presented. The share is based on the proportion of short-term rentals by zone by geography (rural or UGA) and by total in the county. It is not a share of short-term rentals as a proportion of housing stock in that zone.

#### Table 5. Tier 2 & 3 STRs by Zoning District Share (Rural or UGA)

#### A. Rural Chelan County

Zone	RR20	RR10	RR5	RR2.5	RW	RRR	RV	RC	RI	RP	AC	FC	MC	Total
STR#	61	83	183	178	272	126	55	12	0	4	27	19	0	1,020
Share	5%	7%	15%	14%	22%	10%	4%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	82%

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Zone	UR1	UR2	UR3	СТ	CD	MLI	UP	WAPATO	Total	Total Excl. Wapato
STR#	18	62	33	0	22	0	0	83	218*	135
Share	1%	5%	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%	7%	17%	11%

<sup>\* 2</sup> units are geolocated outside the Manson UGA but are noted as UR2. If included the whole homes would be 220 and the share of county short-term rental units would be 18%.

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Zone	R-1	R-2	R-3	C-D	С-Н	- 1	I-C	P-U	Total	Share
STR#	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	7	1%

NOTE: Geographic location is accurate for most properties with some locations within 500 meters for privacy. Source: AirDNA Property Data, Whole House Rentals Jan 2020 AirDNA STRs: 1,247

# **Attachment D: STR Task Force Report**

- 942 The Task Force Report and its attachments are available at the links below;
- FINAL STR Task Force Report to the BOCC (5/11/2021) 943
- STR Task Force attachments and addenda from the participating groups (05/11/2021) 944
- For more information, please see the project website: https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/community-945
- <u>development/pages/short-term-vacation-rentals-str-code-development.</u> 946



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#### Attachment E: Code Evaluation

- Chelan County Code Section 14.13.040 includes evaluation criteria regarding the decision to approve, modify, or deny a development regulation amendment application, whether initiated by private
- 951 applicants or the County. Each is listed below with discussion of concurrence with the criterion:
- 952 (1) The amendment is necessary to resolve a public land use issue or problem.
- 953 The short-term rental code addresses a public land use issue or problem identified by the County and community to 954 address land use compatibility, rural character and economy, and housing affordability and availability. The 955 community concerns are reflected in the public record for the project with hundreds of residents and landowners 956 participating including testifying at hearings, providing letters, or participating in the Task Force. Various studies, 957 papers, and reports on the impacts to housing stock, economic, social, and other implications of short-term rentals 958 in communities from several locales were researched by staff and consultants, along with those provided within 959 public commenting, and were subsequently considered in formulating several of the regulatory strategies used 960 within the rental code.
- 961 (2) The amendment is consistent with goals of the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW.
- The short-term rental code balances Growth Management Act goals and requirements to locate growth in urban and rural areas in a manner that encourages the preservation of existing housing stock, encourages the availability of affordable housing, allows for economic development consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, protects rural character, ensures appropriate public services, protects environmental quality, and provides for fair/timely permits.

  Zones that limit short-term rentals continue to provide a range of reasonable uses consistent with the district intents such as long-term residential uses, compatible home occupations, and others. (See RCW 36.70A.020 and 070)
- 968 (3) The amendment complies with or supports comprehensive plan goals and policies and/or county-wide planning policies.
- 970 The amendment is consistent with the following County Comprehensive Plan policies:
- 971 Policy H 2.4: Encourage appropriate placement and use of vacation rentals.
- 972 Rationale: Vacation rentals impact the character of a neighborhood and impact housing stock.
- 973 Goal H 3: Encourage the appropriate preservation of existing housing stock.
- Goal ED 2: Encourage the retention and growth of recreational and tourist based industries consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- Goal RE 2: Maintain natural environment features that support and enhance natural resource-based economic activities, wildlife habitats, traditional rural lifestyles, outdoor recreation, and open space.
- Countywide Planning Policies promote interlocal land use cooperation: "City and county planning efforts will be coordinated within urban growth areas."
- 980 (4) The proposed amendment does not adversely affect lands designated as resource lands of long-term commercial significance or critical areas in ways that cannot be mitigated.

Short-term rentals are limited in resource zones and treated similar to similar uses such as bed and breakfasts and guest houses.

(5) The amendment is based on sound land use planning practices and would further the general public health, safety and welfare.

The short-term rental code is meant to protect residential quality of life balanced with appropriate locations for economic uses that do not unduly limit affordable housing, or conflict with rural character and environmental quality. See the proposed purpose statement in CCC 11.88.290.



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