



UPDATED PUBLIC NOTICE

Vacation Lodging/Short-Term Vacation Rental Operations and Travel Restrictions

April 10, 2020 – The Governor issued Executive Order 2020-42 on April 9, 2020, to extend the Stay Home, Stay Safe order until April 30, 2020. It also further clarifies and restricts various travel.

- Individuals may travel:
 - To return to a home or place of residence from outside this state.
 - To leave this state for a home or residence elsewhere.
 - Between two residences in this state, through **April 10, 2020**. After that date, travel between two residences is **NOT** permitted.
 - As required by law enforcement or a court order, including the transportation of children pursuant to a custody agreement.

- All other travel is prohibited, **including all travel to vacation rentals**.

Original Notice April 8, 2020 – The City of Douglas has received several questions regarding operation of short-term rentals during the Stay Home, Stay Safe order. Michigan’s Governor issued Executive Order, 2020-21 (Stay Home, Stay Safe) which took effect on March 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and continues through April 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., or as amended. The City of Douglas is reminding residents, property owners, and property managers that vacation lodging or short-term rentals **DO NOT** qualify as essential businesses under the Executive Order. Lodging operators who provide “food, shelter and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needed individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of this emergency and people who have disabilities” are allowed to remain open under the Executive Order. Executive Order 2020-21 is punishable as a misdemeanor with a \$500.00 fine. In addition, an order by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services allows for a \$1,000.00 fine. Violators may be charged with both fines, civilly and/or criminally.

A short-term rental is defined in Section 2.20 of the City Code of Ordinances as a dwelling unit which is rented to a person for less than 31 consecutive days, or is advertised to be rented for any period less than 31 days.

State, County, and local officials are strongly advising all residents to adhere to the strict requirements of the Governor’s Stay Home, Stay Safe order. Residents may contact the Douglas Police Department to report specific violations of the Executive Order. Following the Stay Home, Stay Safe order will help protect yourself as well as the entire community in resolving this public health crisis as quickly as possible.