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DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Vacation Rental and Homeshare Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the Vacation Rental and Homeshare Monthly Newsletter. The goal for the newsletter is to continue communication with stakeholders on topics of general concern on and between the months of the Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting.

Future Stakeholder Meetings:

- February 9, 2021-- 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Call-in information will be posted to the Vacation Rental website when available.

Happy New Year

VR Drop Off Box

In light of rising COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Riverside County, City Hall has been temporarily closed to the public. Please deliver any documents pertaining to Vacation Rental or Homeshare, including **TOT returns**, to our **orange** lock box located at 425 N Civic Dr.

This is checked 3 times a day by staff. If you have any questions, please call (760) 322-8382.



Regional Order

Governor Gavin Newsom lifted California's Regional Coronavirus Stay-at-Home Order Monday, January 25, 2021. Counties will return to the color-coded tier system, with most counties returning to the 'purple' most restrictive tier, including us here in Riverside County.

The operation of vacation rentals may resume, but the prohibition against rental of Homeshare properties remain in place. Please see industry guidance Hotels, lodging and short-term lodging – updated January 25, 2021. <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#hotels-guidance>.

As a reminder key prevention practices include:

- physical distancing to the maximum extent possible,
- use of face coverings by workers (where respiratory protection is not required) and customers,
- frequent handwashing and regular cleaning and disinfection,
- training workers on these and other elements of the COVID-19 prevention plan.

Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID)

Starting July 1, 2021, Vacation Rental and Homeshare lodgings will begin paying the 1% TBID assessment on short term stays of less than 29 days. The Transient Occupancy Tax is still 11.5% and the assessment of 1% will be included on the TOT remittance forms as a separate line item.

The Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors bureau (CVB) is working with the city to have the assessment added to the TOT remittance forms to make collection as seamless as possible.

The TBID assessment will be calculated the same way TOT is calculated for short term stays. More details to follow.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.visitgreaterpalmsprings.com/2020-tbid/>

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