

City of Alpena

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Rental Registration Program

The city recognizes the importance of the rental housing market and the role it plays in providing opportunities for housing. The city also recognizes the role that it plays in ensuring minimum property standards are met for those citizens who choose rental housing.

Renters may verify if a property is registered by contacting the City's Building Division staff.

Current and prospective landlords should be aware of the following requirements, which include long term and short term rentals (i.e., Airbnb and VRBO).

- When a property is sold and it is not currently being rented, but the purchaser intends to rent the dwelling/unit (this includes Airbnb and VRBO), the property must be registered and inspected before occupancy can take place.
- If the property being sold is a current rental and is going to continue to be a rental, the new owner has 30 days from the time of purchase to re-register the dwelling/unit with the city's rental registration program at no cost. The current valid certificate stays with the property.
- If a property owner intends to rent a dwelling/unit and the owner resides outside of Alpena County more than twenty miles from the City of Alpena, a local agent must be designated.
- Verification of proper zoning for new two-family or multi-family rentals must take place prior to registering.

Any questions about program requirements can be directed to the City's Building Division Staff.

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