

Resources from Short- Term Rental Policy Retreat, 11/8/25



The links below are for resources used in VLCT's first-ever hybrid Vermont Municipal Short-Term Rental Policy Retreat, held on Saturday, November 8, 2025.

The event was designed to provide municipalities that are considering regulating short-term rentals, or those that have recently implemented regulations, a deeper understanding of the law that surrounds short-term rental regulation. Attendees learned from towns that had already implemented registries or regulations, VLCT lawyers who created online tools to help towns understand what they can do, and short-term rental experts who help explain the market and the effect that short-term rentals have on the state.

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Sessions

9:15 AM: Short-Term Rentals and Vermont's Vacation Economy

Presenter: Commissioner Heather Pelham, Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing

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9:45 AM: Understanding The Interplay Between Short-Term Rentals and Vermont's Housing Availability

Presenter: Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA)

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10:30 AM: Municipal Authorities Related to Short-Term Rentals

Presenter: Garrett Baxter, Senior Staff Attorney, VLCT

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11:15 AM: Panel Discussion: What's the State's Role in Short-Term Rental Regulation?

Michael Desrochers, Director, Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety

Landon Wheeler, Deputy Director, Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety

Bridget Phillips, Accessible Assistance Specialist, Environmental Compliance Division,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Rebecca Sameroff, Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Department of Taxes

Elisabeth Wirsing, Senior Environmental Health Program Manager, Vermont
Department of Health

[Vermont Division of Fire Safety Presentation Slides](#)

[Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Presentation Slides](#)

[Vermont Department of Taxes Presentation Slide](#)

[Vermont Department of Health Presentation Slides](#)

Additional Resource: [Health Considerations of Short-Term Rental Operators](#)



1:00 PM: To Register or Regulate ... or Not. A Panel Discussion with Cities and Towns That Have Considered How to Regulate Short-Term Rentals

Aileen Tulloch, Town Administrator, Londonderry

Alyssa Johnson, Selectboard Chair, Town of Waterbury

Noah Schmidt, Selectboard Member, Town of Ludlow

[**Londonderry Presentation Slides**](#)

[**Waterbury Presentation Slides**](#)

2:30 PM: Owner Education and Best Practices for Nuisance Mitigation

Presenter: Julie Marks, Executive Director, Short Term Rental Alliance

[**Presentation Slides**](#)

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