

Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island

IMPORTANT RENTAL INFORMATION

Updated July 31, 2024 (Changes in blue)

Town ordinances which may affect your Rental Properties.

In an effort to keep you up to date with current adopted Town Ordinances, The Town of Narragansett is enclosing those ordinances below. We are also providing rental property owners with the zoning requirements for temporary rental advertising signage.

Payment of the annual rental and registration fee is due by August 31st for the rental period beginning September 1st through August 31st of the following year.

State of Rhode Island – June 24, 2024 - An Act relating to towns and cities – Zoning Ordinances. 45-24-31. Definitions (36) Household (ii) A person or group of unrelated persons living together. The maximum number may be set by local ordinance, but this maximum shall not be less than three (3) one person per bedroom and shall not exceed five (5) unrelated persons per dwelling. The maximum number shall not apply to NARR-certified recover residences.

Chapter 1123, Section 14-542 (e) Effective September 1, 2024, Short-Term Rental. The rental or other contractual arrangement for the occupation of a dwelling unit by an individual tenant, a family, or multiple tenants under a single lease, for residential and/or dwelling purposes, for a period of less than thirty (30) consecutive nights with a minimum of 7 days.

Chapter 731, Section 7.21 On August 7, 2023, the Narragansett Town Council adopted an ordinance limiting the *number of three (3) College students in dwellings located in a R-10, R-10A or R-20 zone unless the building in which the dwelling is located is owner occupied.*

Signs-Town Ordinance Chapter 731, Section 7.18-E-4-Temporary Signs. Temporary signs which advertise the sale, rental, lease or improvement of the property on which it is located provided such signs do not exceed six (6) square feet in any residential zone, twenty (20) square feet in commercial zones, and thirty (30) square feet in industrial zones. Signs advertising pending improvements shall not be in place more than sixty (60) prior to commencement of such improvements. Temporary signs shall be removed within ten days after completion of the activity advertised. Such signs shall not be lighted nor internally illuminated. Election signs shall be considered temporary signs and shall comply with the above requirements. **Rental signs cannot be left on the dwelling or on the property if the property is currently rented.**

Chapter 14-Section 14-519 –The record owner or any person in control or possession of said rental dwelling/unit subject to the provisions of this article, shall cause a copy of the current lease and registration form required by this article to be posted or affixed to the inside of the primary access door to said rental dwelling/unit so as to allow the lease and registration form to be readily available for inspection by police, zoning, building, or minimum housing officials of the Town of Narragansett.

Fire Safety- *important Fire Safety links to keep your tenants and properties safe.*

<https://www.narragansett.ri.gov/607/Fire-Safety>

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/fief/up_in_smoke_home_checklist.pdf

<https://fire-marshal.ri.gov/documents/safety/smokedetectorbrochure.pdf>

If you have any questions related to any of the information noted above or any other concern, please feel free to contact the Building Department anytime at 401-782-0619 or the Fire Department at 401-789-1000.

You may also visit the Town website at www.narragansettri.gov.