

Ordinance VIII: Rentals

VIII. RENTAL OF RESIDENCES WITHIN THE BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT

In the interest of preserving the fine residential character of the Bonnet Shores Fire District in the Town of Narragansett, and for the better year-round security against damage to property, and for the suppression of nuisances, it is ordained by the Council of the Bonnet Shores Fire District as follows:

SECTION 1. Any ordinance of the Town of Narragansett regarding rentals shall be incorporated into the Bonnet Shores Fire District Ordinances.

SECTION 2: A minimum of one month before a residential property is to be rented or leased, whether a winter/academic or seasonal rental, property owners and/or their agents shall register the rental property with the Bonnet Shores Fire District and pay a registration fee of fifty dollars (\$50) at the time of registration.

SECTION 3. Each property owner who is renting or leasing property shall have possession of a written copy of the Bonnet Shores Fire District ordinances, which is available at the time of registration and is also available online at the Bonnet Shores Fire District website. (<http://bonnetshores.org>). Property owners shall make available these written ordinances to renters/leasees and a copy is to remain within the property. Property owners and tenants shall work together to ensure compliance.

SECTION 4. Property owners are responsible for compliance. Those who fail to comply with sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine in the amount of dollars (\$50) for each violation. Continued failure to comply with sections 1 and 2 of the ordinance shall result in an additional fine of fifty dollars (\$50) for every thirty (30) days of non-compliance. Such fine shall be assessed on the first day of each month. Unpaid fines will be added to the owner's Bonnet Shores Fire District tax bill.

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Comment: *The recommendation is to keep the ordinance requiring registration of rentals with the Bonnet Shores Fire District. Knowledge of the identity of the owner as well as an adult person residing at a home will assist the community in responding to an emergency and other situations that may affect community welfare and safety. The registration fee appeared outdated*

and is adjusted to assist with administrative expenses. Additionally, a section was added to inform those who rent of their responsibilities under the Town of Narragansett's ordinances as well as those of the Bonnet Shores Fire District. The existing rental registration form will need to be updated for consistency with this ordinance.