

SHORT TERM RENTALS

PERMITTING & LICENSING

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

The St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance requires specific permits for short term (vacation home) rental properties.

The St. Louis County On-Site Wastewater Division administers on-site septic system permits and septic enforcement programs. Septic systems are designed based on potential use. Systems may be designed for greater use, and water usage monitors can be placed on the system. On-Site Wastewater can also require annual operating permits if conditions and potential usage warrant it.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY ON-SITE WASTEWATER:
Duluth (218) 725-5200 or Virginia (218) 749-0625

STATE OF MINNESOTA

FIRE CODE (REGULATION): Minimum state standards must be followed for short term rental property including, but not limited to, smoke detectors, egress windows and carbon monoxide detectors.

STATE FIRE MARSHALL: (651) 201-7200

HEALTH SAFETY (LICENSE): The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and local public health agencies license and inspect short term rentals in Minnesota per state statute. The following are rules and statutes that govern these rentals:

1. **Food, Beverage and Lodging Establishments:** Licensing requirements, rules and fees. [MN Statutes, Chapter 157](#).
2. **Lodging Establishments:** [MN Rules, chapter 4625](#).

MN DEPT OF HEALTH - DULUTH OFFICE: (218) 302-6166

SEPTIC SYSTEMS (REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE):
MDH confirms a valid certificate of compliance or valid operating permit for septic systems is on file and approved by the county. They also conduct a visual review of the system during their on-site review.

WATER TESTING (REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE):
MDH confirms that required water testing is done.

TAXES: A Minnesota tax identification number and other applicable identification numbers must be provided to the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department prior to issuance of permit. [MN Department of Revenue](#).

MN DEPT OF REVENUE: (651) 296-6181

