



## Considering a Vacation Rental?



Vacation rentals are an integral part of the lodging options offered on Galveston Island. If you are considering operating a short-term vacation rental, please read this information carefully.

### **CAN I RENT THIS PROPERTY?**

To find out whether vacation rentals are allowed in your neighborhood, visit [GalvestonParkBoard.org/rentals](http://GalvestonParkBoard.org/rentals), or ask your Homeowners Association, Realtor, or City Planning Department.

### **REGISTRATION**

Register your property online at [galvestonparkboard.org/rentals](http://galvestonparkboard.org/rentals) and pay your annual registration fee. Each December, registrations must be renewed.

### **24/7 LOCAL CONTACT**

Every rental requires a local contact who must promptly respond to any issues, including being present at the property if needed.

### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

When you register your rental, you will receive a Galveston Vacation Rental (GVR) number. GVR numbers must be included on all online listings, including AirBnb, VRBO, and other third-party listing platforms. It must also be included on all social media and print advertisements.

## HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAXES

City and State Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) is required on all rentals of less than 30 days. HOT must be collected on all bookings and remitted monthly or quarterly. HOT is charged on all booking fees including reservation, cancellation, pet, cleaning, fumigation, repairs, and any other associated service fees.

## COMPLAINT CALL CENTER

Residents and visitors can call a 24/7 monitored hotline at 409.247.8160 to report complaints about short-term rental properties; like parking, noise, and trash violations.

## GET SUPPORT

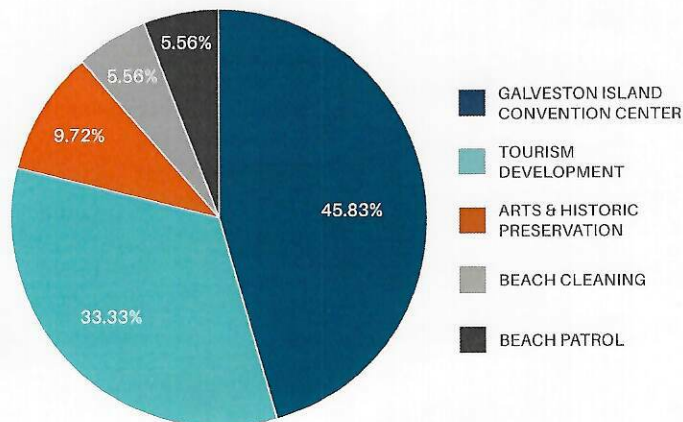
There are multiple organizations in the area like the Short-Term Rental Owners Association of Galveston (STROAG) or the Galveston Association of Rental Managers (GARM) for advocacy, networking, and benefits for you and your guests.

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- Advise guests about Galveston's noise ordinance and quiet hours from 10 P.M. to 7 A.M.
- Establish and maintain occupancy limits. Do not overcrowd your property.
- Ensure guests follow parking regulations around the property.
- Notify guests that Galveston law requires all pets to be on leashes.
- Inform your guests that it is illegal to leave items on the beach overnight.

## HOW HOT BENEFITS GALVESTON ISLAND

HOT is used to help make Galveston a better place to live and visit. Revenues are earmarked for beach nourishment, beach cleaning, lifeguards, tourism marketing, and it supports many non-profits on the island such that support historical preservation, eco-tourism, and arts initiatives.



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For the most current and detailed information about short-term rentals in Galveston, visit

[GALVESTONPARKBOARD.ORG/RENTALS](http://GALVESTONPARKBOARD.ORG/RENTALS)