



TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
COUNTY OF WARREN

ORDINANCE 011-2026

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING CHAPTER 279, "SHORT -TERM RENTALS", OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP AND AMENDING CHAPTER 363, "ZONING", TO PROHIBIT SHORT-TERM RENTALS OF THIRTY (30) DAYS OR LESS IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is repeal Chapter 279, "Short-Term Rentals", of the Code of the Township and amend Chapter 363, "Zoning" to prohibit short-term rentals of thirty (30) days or less in all zoning districts.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield ("Township") is authorized pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., to adopt zoning regulations governing the use of land within the Township in order to promote the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law expressly authorizes zoning regulations designed to advance the purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that short-term rentals for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or less introduce transient populations that are incompatible with the Township's established residential character; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that the presence of transient lodging uses within residential neighborhoods undermines community cohesion, creates enforcement difficulties, and is inconsistent with the Township Master Plan's goal of preserving the existing housing stock and providing the opportunity for the development of a wider variety of housing types to meet the needs of different income and age levels, family compositions and lifestyles by removing existing housing stock from the market and thus negatively impacting the housing supply and prices for existing and future residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further finds that regulation of short-term rentals is most appropriately addressed through the Township's zoning ordinance so that such uses are clearly identified as prohibited land uses in all zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee therefore determines that Chapter 279, "Short-Term Rentals," should be repealed in its entirety, and that the prohibition on short-term rentals should instead be incorporated directly into Chapter 363, "Zoning."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED

by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1

Repeal of Chapter 279

Chapter 279, entitled "Short-Term Rentals," is hereby repealed in its entirety.

All sections, subsections, and provisions contained therein are abolished and shall be of no further force or effect.

SECTION 2.

Amendment to Chapter 360 – Administration and Procedures

Chapter 360 of the Code of the Township of Mansfield, entitled "Administration and Procedures," is hereby amended by adding a new definition to section § 360-4 as follows:

§ 360-4. Definitions

SHORT-TERM RENTAL The rental, lease, license, or use of any dwelling unit, or any portion thereof, for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or less, whether or not compensation is received.

Amendment to Chapter 363 – Zoning

Chapter 363 of the Code of the Township of Mansfield, entitled "Zoning," is hereby amended by adding a new section, to be codified as § 363-8 as follows:

§ 363-8. Provisions applicable to all zones

- A. Principal Use; principal structures. Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, no more than one principal use or building shall be permitted on any one lot.
- B. Accessory buildings. The following regulations are in addition to those set forth for accessory buildings in each zone district:
 - (1) Any accessory building attached to a principal building shall be considered part of the principal building, and the total structure shall adhere to the yard requirements for the principal building, regardless of the technique of connecting the principal and accessory buildings.
 - (2) Except for farm buildings, no permit shall be issued for the construction of an accessory building prior to the issuance of a permit for the construction of the principal building upon the same premises. If construction of the principal building does not precede or coincide with the construction of the accessory building, the Construction Official shall revoke the construction permit for the accessory building until construction of the principal building has proceeded substantially toward completion.
 - (3) If ponies, horses, cows, sheep, fowl or other farm livestock are kept on any property as provided in this chapter, and building for the shelter and care of such animals is provided, such a building for the shelter and care of such animals is provided, such building shall not be located closer than one hundred (100) feet from any property or street right-of-way line, except as provided in §363-62.
- C. All lots shall front upon a street as defined in §360-4.

D. Prohibited Uses. The following regulations for prohibited uses are in addition to those set forth for prohibited uses in each zone district:

(1) Short-term rentals

- (a) Short-term rentals are hereby declared to be prohibited uses in all zoning districts within the Township of Mansfield. Such use shall not be permitted as a principal use, accessory use, or conditional use in any zone.
- (b) No short-term rental shall be deemed a lawful nonconforming use, nor shall any short-term rental be entitled to continuation, expansion, or protection pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-68.

- (c) This section shall not apply to hotels or motels lawfully permitted under Chapter 363 in zoning districts where such uses are expressly allowed.
- (d) This section shall not apply to community residences, community shelters, or group homes lawfully permitted under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-66.1 in zoning districts where such uses are expressly allowed.

SECTION 3. Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Township Zoning Officer and such other municipal officials as may be authorized by law. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 4. Penalties

Any person, firm, or entity violating this ordinance shall be subject to the general penalties set forth in Chapter 1, § 1-17, of the Township Code.

SECTION 5. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

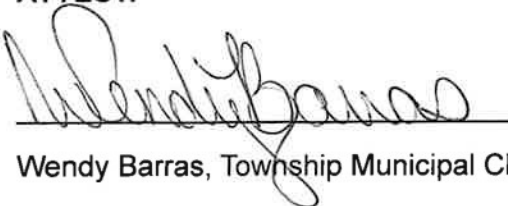
SECTION 6. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Effective Date

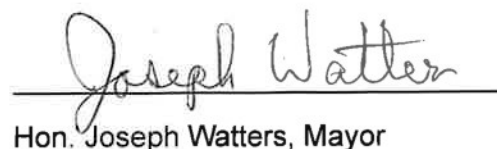
This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:



Wendy Barras, Township Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD



Hon. Joseph Watters, Mayor

Motion: Introduce Ordinance Moved by: Mc Guinness; Seconded by: Hayes
Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (Summary: Yes=5)
Yes: Bollard, Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters
No:
Abstain:
Absent:

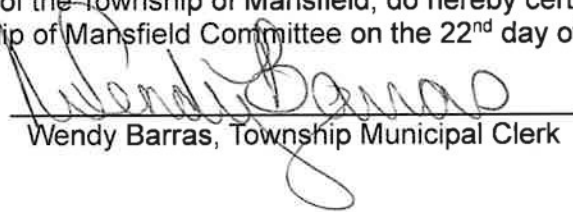
Introduced: March 25, 2026
Published: March 26, 2026
Public Hearing: April 22, 2026

Motion: Adopt Ordinance Moved by: Hayes; Seconded by: Connelly
Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (Summary: Yes=4)
Yes: Connelly, Mc Guinness, Hayes, Watters
No:
Abstain:
Absent: Bollard

Adopted: April 22, 2026
Published: April 23, 2026

CERTIFICATION

I, Wendy Barras, Township Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township of Mansfield Committee on the 22nd day of April, 2026.


Wendy Barras, Township Municipal Clerk