



Short-Term Accommodation Uses

Short-term accommodation and other forms of tourist accommodation are restricted to properties with specific zoning in the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Business licences are required for short-term occupancy where the use is explicitly permitted by Zoning Bylaw #871 or Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw #1195.

Short-term accommodation uses typically fall into three subcategories in the RDCO;

- Dedicated commercial resort areas for Campground, Tourist Cabin and Motel operations.
- Bed and Breakfast accommodations in many residential zones.
- Agri-Tourist accommodations.

Although the Province of British Columbia is currently introducing [new rules for short-term rentals](#), the regulations are still forthcoming. At this time, there are no plans to amend the RDCO's land use bylaws.

Commercial Resort Areas

In areas such as the La Casa community, Tourist Cabins and other uses are permitted, allowing for short-term occupancy by owners or occupiers for periods of less than one month. Long-term residential use is not permitted.

Bed and Breakfast Accommodations

Where permitted, Bed and Breakfasts (up to four guest rooms) may be operated within a principal residence. The permanent occupant shall operate the bed and breakfast and they must be present when hosting guests. The short term rental of an entire dwelling is not permitted.

Agri-Tourist Accommodations

On some agricultural and rural parcels with active farming operations, agri-tourist accommodation may be permitted within the principal dwelling. The accommodation must be an accessory use, and must also relate to the farming activities.

Zones where specific uses are permitted;	Zoning Bylaw #871												Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw				
	A1	RU1	RU2	RU3	RU4	RU5	RU6	RU7	R1	C5	C7	C8	LH	RA	SH2	SH1	CR
Agri-Tourist Accommodation	✓	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bed and Breakfast	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hotel											✓						
Motel										✓	✓	✓					
Resort Apartments											✓						
Resort Townhomes											✓						
Tourist Cabins								✓		✓	✓	✓					
Tourist Campsites										✓	✓	✓					
Tourist Lodge												✓					

✓ = permitted use

* Uses may also be permitted in some comprehensive development zones. The permitted use may only be undertaken in accordance with the definitions and general regulations defined in the zoning or land use bylaw.

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