

Background:

The Township Board discussed a cap of 15 short term rentals township wide. This would include every zoning district within Lake Township.

However, because the ordinance references implementation through a future resolution, that number could later be changed by board action.

At this time, the current board majority appears positioned to approve the ordinance as written and would also have the ability to increase the number of short-term rentals permitted within the township.

Many residents have expressed concerns that short-term rentals could change the character of Lake Township neighborhoods.

Lake Township has a strong neighborhood feel where neighbors are close, relationships are stable and there is a strong sense of community.

Critics of short-term rentals believe transient occupancy can reduce that traditional neighborhood atmosphere.

The posted short term rental ordinance was publicly available through the meeting handouts at the May 12, 2026 Township Board Meeting.