



Jonesboro Fire Department

Short Term Rentals (S.T.R.)

The following are the requirements for obtaining a permit for a STR in Jonesboro Arkansas

1. Provide Street Number on Front of Building – Ordinance No. 105-200 and Arkansas Fire Prevention Code
Street Number: The street number shall be at least 4” tall, in contrasting colors and visible from the street (can be on the house, mailbox, curb). This is for ALL emergency personnel (not just Fire Dept.)
2. Provide approved smoke detectors meeting underwriters Laboratory (UL) 217 standards in compliance with Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, and shall be installed as follows:
 - A. In all sleeping areas. Area means room. The best place is by the bedroom door because that is where smoke will enter.
 - B. In every room in the path of the means of egress from the sleeping areas to the door exiting the living unit. Path of egress means the way out; outside the bedrooms (hall) and one in the living area to the door.
 - C. In each story within the sleeping unit, including basements. For sleeping units with split levels and, without an intervening deer between the adjacent levels, a smoke detector installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that lower level is less than one full story below the upper level. Basements (not crawl spaces) and garages shall be covered as well.
 - D. No Closer than 3 foot to any air diffuser (return air vents, ceiling fans or window units) Diffuser means anything that moves air.
 - E. All detectors shall be interconnected per Arkansas Fire Prevention Code.

Interconnected means if one smoke detector goes off, they ALL go off. This can be achieved by hardwired to house electrical system by a licensed electrician, or wireless devices. The wireless devices have to be individually programmed. Check manufacturer’s instructions on how many can be used together as this may vary. The old style of “Battery operated only” cannot be interconnected and therefore not allowed.

3. Sleeping Rooms shall be equipped with operable windows for rescue with an opening that measures 5.7 square feet with a minimum of 2 foot width (Arkansas Fire Prevention Code)

One window per sleeping room is required to comply. The opened part shall measure 5.7 sq. ft. in area. Basically 2 ft. wide by 3 ft. tall (a little less, but good reference). The window sill shall be no more than 44” from the floor. Circumstances when not needed: If sprinklers are present, or if door leads directly outside from the sleeping room (not adjacent room).

Next Steps:

- 1) You should call the Fire Marshal's Office for an inspection giving at least 5 business days' notice.
 - Call the Jonesboro Fire Department at 870-932-2428
 - You will advise them that you have a short term rental and need an inspection and ask to be transferred to the proper inspector.
- 2) After the field inspection is completed and approved, the inspector will approve the inspection in the computer (give them at least 48 hours). You will then go back to the Municipal Center and pay for your permit (Collections Office). They will issue your use and occupancy permit for your short term rental.