

Town of Alford

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REMINDER TO ALL ALFORD, MASSACHUSETTS PROPERTY OWNERS

Under the Alford Zoning By-Law Short term-rentals are NOT permitted.

This notice is a reminder to Alford property owners that short-term rentals are not a permitted use under the Alford Zoning By-Law. The State's highest court recently confirmed that the use of property for short-term rentals is not a residential use of property. Since Alford has only one zoning district, and that district is residential, short-term rentals are not allowed.

VIOLATION

Whoever shall violate any provision of this By-Law or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be fined not more than three hundred dollars for each offense. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Town from taking such other lawful action as it deems necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

Section 10.1.7 of the Alford By-Laws:

The Planning Board will be reviewing the future of short-term rentals in Alford. At this time, any use of property for short-term rentals is a violation, subject to enforcement and a fine, as set forth in the Alford Zoning By-Law.

Short-term rental(s) are the use of a residential unit for occupancy by a person or persons for a period of fewer than 31 consecutive days or less for a fee. A short-term rental may or may not be facilitated through a booking agent.

ALFORD PLANNING BOARD