



# Township of McKellar

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# NOTICE

## COVID-19 - Short Term Accommodations Rentals

Effective 11:59 p.m. April 4, 2020, the Government of Ontario has banned all short term accommodation rentals, unless the dwelling is being rented by someone in need of housing during the COVID-19 Emergency. Short term rentals are defined as rentals that last fewer than thirty (30) days.

***The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, Schedule 3, Part 3(1)*** states: "Every person who provides short term rental accommodation shall ensure that the rentals booked after April 4, 2020 are only provided to individuals who are in need of housing during the emergency period".

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, and Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing empowered local by-law enforcement officers to enforce the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act Orders under the Provincial Offences Act.

### Offences and set fines available to enforcement personnel include:

- **Fail to comply with an emergency order** **\$750.00**
- **Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with an Order made during a declared emergency** **\$1,000.00**
- **Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with an Order made during a declared emergency** **\$1,000.00**

Enforcement of the order by OPP can result in fines of up to \$100,000.00 per individual and \$10,000,000.00 per corporation under the authority of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

If you are aware of a short term rental operating in contravention of the above requirement please advise Township of McKellar By-law Department immediately.

**Enforcement can be reached via email [fire@vianet.ca](mailto:fire@vianet.ca) or by phone at 705-774-3630**