



Regulating and Insuring Short-term Rentals FAQs

On December 28, 2018, Governor Baker signed [c. 337 of the Acts of 2018](#), *An Act Regulating and Insuring Short-term Rentals*. The Act adds short-term rentals to the room occupancy excise under [G.L. c. 64G](#) and includes other new provisions of interest to municipal officials. The Department of Revenue has compiled Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to explain the changes. To view the FAQs, please click [here](#).

January 17th, 2019

Important Dates & Information

DHCD Releases Technical Assistance Database

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) recently released a comprehensive compilation of technical assistance and grants for housing and planning, available to assist communities in accessing our own state resources, as well as resources from partner agencies and non-profit entities.

The spreadsheet tracks awards from technical assistance programs and grants from state agencies related to housing and planning, starting with Fiscal Year 2016. It tracks community engagement with 14 programs across seven state agencies and one non-profit. The spreadsheet includes all 351 communities in Massachusetts, even if they haven't had a recent grant or technical assistance and is available by [clicking here](#).

DLS at MMA Annual Meeting & Trade Show

Below please find information on the many ways the Division of Local Services will be providing updates and information to local officials at the [Massachusetts Municipal Association's Annual Meeting & Trade Show](#) at the Hynes Convention Center. We look forward to seeing you!

Friday, January 18th, 2019

11am - 5pm

Stop by our booth (Booth 920) on the Trade Show Floor to say hello and get the latest updates on the many ways DLS is improving operations and communications tools to better serve local officials.

2pm - 3:30pm

Developments and Initiatives in Municipal Finance Workshop
Room 210 (2nd floor)

This workshop will cover important issues in municipal finance. Administration and Finance Secretary Michael Heffernan will discuss the state budget and Department of Revenue Commissioner Chris Harding will highlight ongoing developments in cannabis revenue collections. Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services Sean Cronin will serve as moderator and DLS staff will present on topics including the recently passed short-term rental legislation and a

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comprehensive overview of municipal finance best practice initiatives related to the Community Compact program. A question-and-answer component will follow each panelist.

Saturday, January 19th, 2019

10am - 2pm

If you missed us on Friday, stop by our booth (Booth 920) on the Trade Show floor to say hello and get the latest updates on the many ways DLS is improving operations and communications tools to better serve local officials.

January Municipal Calendar

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Notify Communities and Districts of Estimated NSS Requirements

As soon as the Governor releases the ensuing year's budget, DESE notifies

communities and districts of that next year's NSS estimates, which are subject to change once the final state budget is approved.

31Pipeline Company **Deadline for Pipeline Company to File Form of List with BLA**

31State Treasurer **Notification of Monthly Local Aid Distributions**, see [IGR 17-17](#) for more cherry sheet payment information, monthly breakdown by program is available [here](#).

February Municipal Calendar

Deadline to Pay 3rd Quarter Tax Bill

1 Taxpayer Per [M.G.L. c. 59, § 57C](#), this is the deadline to pay the 3rd quarter actual tax bill without interest unless the bills were mailed after December 31. If mailed after December 31, the actual tax is due as a single installment on May 1 or 30 days after the bills were mailed, whichever is later.

Quarterly Tax Bills – Deadline to Apply for Property Tax Abatement

1 Taxpayer According to [M.G.L. c. 59, § 59](#), abatements applications are due on February 1 unless actual tax bills were mailed after December 31. In that case, they are due May 1 or 30 days after mailing, whichever is later.

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