



**HOCKING HILLS**  
LODGING OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION

## **Hocking County STR Regulations**

Status Update 01/03/2026

HHLOA has formally submitted a letter to the Hocking County Commissioners opposing **Draft #5 of the proposed short-term rental zoning regulations**. The full letter is attached, was sent on January 2nd to each commissioner and should be reviewed by all members. A copy will be included on our website.

<https://www.hockinghillslodgingownersassociation.com/commissioner-donofrio-letter-of-opposition-1-2-26/>

The proposed regulations, as written, present serious concerns for locally owned lodging businesses and were developed without meaningful input from experienced STR operators. If adopted in their current form, these regulations risk placing unreasonable burdens on responsible, tax-paying businesses that are essential to the Hocking Hills economy.

HHLOA made it clear that local lodging owners prioritize safety, compliance, and community investment—and that any regulatory framework must reflect operational realities while protecting jobs, tax revenue, and the character of our region.

We have been informed that the **Zoning Commission intends to present its final version of the regulations on January 8th**. This timeline significantly limits further opportunity for revision and makes member awareness and engagement critical.

Members should:

- Review the attached letter in full
- Remain prepared to support coordinated advocacy efforts
- Be ready to engage should additional outreach, attendance, or resources be requested

HHLOA does not support adoption of the draft regulations as written. We remain fully engaged and will continue to press for fair, balanced, and collaborative solutions that protect both public safety and the long-term viability of locally owned lodging businesses.

Further updates and specific action requests will be communicated as this process advances.

Thank you,  
**Hocking Hills Lodging Owners Association**