

SHARED ACCOMMODATION IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

What you need to know if you want to share your home without direct compensation for the accommodation

The “sharing economy” has been recognized in the Town’s Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw. Shared accommodation is permitted within the Town but is subject to development controls to make sure this use remains compatible with the residential character of existing neighbourhoods.

Here’s a quick guide:

WHAT IS SHARED ACCOMMODATION?

Shared accommodation is when you, as owner-occupant of your residence, provide access and use of it to someone else for a fixed term **without direct commercial compensation** for this accommodation. Shared accommodation does allow for the provision of goods or services or the sharing of expenses in compensation for the accommodation.

WHAT DOES OWNER-OCCUPIED MEAN?

It means you must be living in your house while you are sharing accommodation with another person.

WHERE IS SHARED ACCOMMODATION PERMITTED?

Shared accommodation is permitted in the Residential Single Unit (RSU) Zone and the Residential Mixed Use (RMU) Zone.

ARE THERE OTHER CONDITIONS?

Yes. You cannot alter or expand your existing residence to provide shared accommodation, and you must meet the by-law requirements related to on-site parking.

PLANNING DOCUMENT REFERENCE

Land Use Bylaw, Part 2, Definitions

https://annapolisroyal.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/LUB_September-2019_Single-Pages.pdf

IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Call Town Hall at 902 532-2043 to discuss your questions with the Community Development Coordinator.