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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND READY TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS

City of South Padre Island Ordinance No. 15-03 (Short Term Rental Permit) will go into effect June 15, 2015 and a final deadline of July 1, 2015 to be compliant.

South Padre Island, TX - June 3, 2015: Three training workshops were held and Ordinance 15-03 notifications have been included in City issued newsletters and social media outlets, in addition to local realtors and title companies. In anticipation of the July 1st deadline, the City of SPI will be identifying any property owners who are advertising their rental units without posting a valid City of South Padre Island registration number and/or who are not collecting HOT taxes. The City will be notifying these property owners by mail or e-mail that they must register with the State of Texas Comptroller and MuniServices as well as acquire their City of South Padre Island Permit number in order to comply with City Ordinance No. 15-03. City of SPI Staff will focus on working with homeowners associations, property management groups, and realtors.

The Short Term Rental Permit number must be posted on all advertising. In addition to the enforcement and collection of Hotel Occupancy Tax, the ordinance is intended to bring credibility to the rental marketplace by deterring fraudulent listings, and to assist City authorities in enforcing our quality of life ordinances: noise, disturbance and fire code occupancy. Additional information and online registration is available at <http://myspi.org/hottax>. The final compliance date is July 1, 2015. For questions on how you can register your unit you may call Nancy Botello: (956) 761-8382 or Email: HotTax@SoPadre.com

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