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MEDIA RELEASE

The Township of Ramara announces that Short Term Rental Accommodations are not permitted to operate in the Township

Ramara/April 7, 2020 – Today, April 7, the Township of Ramara announces that no Short-Term Rental Accommodations are permitted to operate unless they are being rented to a front line or essential worker.

As stipulated by the Province of Ontario, non-essential businesses are not permitted to operate in the Province of Ontario. This includes Short-Term Rental Accommodations unless the owner/operator can provide proof that the renter meets eligibility requirements.

Our By-law Enforcement Officers have provincial authorization to enforce emergency orders of the Province. They will be working all week and weekend to assist in the monitoring of gatherings of more than five individuals who are in non-compliance with the Provincial mandate and/or non-essential businesses that are operating in non-compliance with the Provincial mandate, such as Short-Term Rental Accommodations.

As well, By-law Enforcement Officers will be actively patrolling that all parks, dog parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, municipal boat launches, water access points and Lagoon City canals are closed.

Mayor Clarke provides the following statement.

“The Township values seasonal residents and tourists who visit the area; however, in order to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, we are strongly urging residents and visitors to shelter in place at your primary residence and to come back and visit the area when it is safe to do so. In unity with the County of Simcoe’s earlier media release, we need to remind seasonal residents and tourists that rural communities have limited resources and facilities to deal with the influx of people coming to the area, so we are strongly advising residents and visitors to please take care and follow all provincial mandates.”

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as the Township works to ensure the health and safety of our community. For more up-to-date information on the status of Township’s services, please visit [COVID-19](#) page on the Township’s website.

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