**Sample Article for Community Newsletter or Website**

**Find out about Online Home Sharing Platforms**

Are you now, or are you thinking about using online home sharing platforms to provide short-term lodging on your property? If so, know…

* You are operating a business if you collect dollars from a third-party for a short-term stay within your home.
* If your property is zoned to operate a Short Term Lodging Business.
* The requirements of the Uniform Construction Code which may require sprinklers, emergency exits, fire escapes or alarm systems.
* The rules & regulations of hotel tax compliance at both the local and state level.
* Not all insurance companies will write policies to cover Short-Term Rentals.

If you’re advertising on a Home Sharing Site, you need to:

* Post an occupancy permit issued by your local municipality, township or borough.
* Register and pay the County Hotel Tax.
* Register with the PA Department of Revenue for a Sales, Use & Hotel Occupancy Tax License (except Airbnb which performs this service) to remit the 6% hotel occupancy tax.
* Contact your insurance agent to insure that you have the proper coverage.

Get more information at www.painns.com/short-term-rentals.