



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

**Circle Lake, Circle Lake Estates, Fox Lake, Maple Shores
Subordinate Service District
Short Term Rental Prohibition Hearing**

**May 8, 2024
6:00 PM
Meeting minutes**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Gernandt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Ron Gernandt, William Malecha, Charlie Peters, Ashley Anderson

Others Present: 11 residents present

2. SHORT TERM RENTAL PROHIBITION

Short term rentals are not allowed in Rice County. Rice County is considering changing their ordinance to allow them. The definition of a short-term rental is defined by MN ordinances as “consists of a dwelling, or portion of a dwelling unit, rented for a period of less than 30 days”.

If there were more than one short term rental in an SSD, the system would be above daily water flow capacity. If that happens consistently the systems would need to be redesigned to handle higher flow rates. Below are the daily flow rate limits:

- Circle Lake Estates has a 9,900 gallon per day capacity.
- Fox Lake has a 7,200 gallon per day capacity.
- Maples Shores has a 7,200 gallon per day capacity.

- Circle Lake has an 8,000 gallon per day capacity.

The Sewer District Ordinances can be amended. The Township thought it was best to prohibit short term rentals in the sewer districts to preserve the life of the systems.

A violation of the ordinance could be a misdemeanor with penalties.

Forest Township Supervisor, Charlie Peters, introduced the amendment to 2006-01 (Maple Shores), 2003-05 (Fox Lake), 2008-01 (Circle Lake Estates), and 2001-01 (Circle Lake) and moved for its adoption. The amendment was seconded by Forest Township Supervisor, Bill Malecha, and upon vote being taken, the following voted in favor hereof.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

3. ADJOURN

Bob Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm. Kathy Gramse seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township