

## Who Does That Car Belong To ?

Many of Galveston's homes were constructed before the widespread use of automobiles, and don't even have garages or driveways. For many homes, the only place to park is on the street. Please be considerate when parking your car on the street.

As a general rule, guests are asked to park directly in front of the home where you are staying. Although street parking is public and unassigned, guests are encouraged to be considerate of neighbors and limit the spaces occupied on the street. Full time residents may only have street parking as well, so please do not occupy the majority of available spaces.

If you have more than one car and parking is congested, contact your STR owner /manager to find out where overflow parking is available. Please make sure not to block a driveway or alleyway in those areas where they exist. Cars blocking access can be towed.



## Who's Making All That Noise ?

Please do not create noise or disturbances or engage in disorderly conduct. Consider how you would want your neighbors to behave in your own neighborhood. Chances are your Galveston neighbors will expect the same of you while you are here. A little bit of consideration goes a long way.

Keep in mind that amplified music is not allowed outside of your short term rental. So, please don't bring the speakers outside or crank up the music; even if you think everyone will enjoy your excellent taste in music.

A call from the neighbors to the local Police Department will bring the Police to your door. So, please keep the noise down. Our officers can issue you a citation if you violate the city's noise ordinance.

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# Good Neighbor Brochure

For Vacation Rental Guests

Galveston Island, Texas



Short Term Rental Owners Association of Galveston

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## Welcome to Galveston Island !

We are pleased you have chosen to spend your vacation on Galveston Island. Galveston is famous for the miles of sandy beaches along with its rich history that spans back to the early 1800's. There's so much to see and do that it would be impossible to do it all in one trip. So it's best not to try. Just plan to come back again!

In the meantime, be sure to make some time to sit back, relax and just do nothing at all. This is what the locals call "island time", and it's part of the reason so many people flock to the sandbar... to escape and enjoy a slower pace of life.

Like many of our visitors, you have decided to rent a home for your own special vacation getaway. That's great! This has become a popular option for families since it provides more privacy and a sense of togetherness that comes from staying in a home.

Perhaps the greatest benefit is the pleasure of residing – even for a short stay – in one of our unique residential neighborhoods.



In fact, many of our neighborhoods are filled with historic homes; the one you're staying in may even be listed as a local historic landmark.

By choosing to stay in a short term rental, you will be living among the many permanent residents who have chosen to call Galveston "home". Staying in a private home allows visitors to experience a sense of cultural immersion. Much like any community, residents of Galveston value peaceful surroundings, and an environment that is quiet and safe.



## What You Need To Know

This brochure is intended to highlight a few ways you can be a good neighbor during your stay in Galveston. City leaders along with the residents of Galveston ask for your cooperation to help keep Galveston an enjoyable place for everyone.

Follow the golden rule and treat others the way you would want to be treated back at home. Staying at a short term rental means being a **Good Neighbor** and having **consideration** for those around you. It is important to be a good

neighbor – whether you're at home or on vacation.

Please keep in mind that you may be cited or fined by the City, or even evicted by the home owner, for creating a disturbance or for violating other provisions of the public nuisance ordinance(s). The surrounding neighbors have been given access to a 24-hour number to call should they need to file a complaint.

## How Many is Too Many ?

Each short term rental has an occupancy limit that varies according to the size of the home and number of beds. Always check with the homeowner before bringing additional persons into the property, and verify that you are not breaking any rules.

Compliance with these rules will assure that you and your neighbors will both enjoy your stay. We're glad you're here and want you to have a great time!

## Puppy Love

Visitors are reminded the City of Galveston has a leash law that requires all dogs be on leashes whenever they are outside and not in a fenced area. You are responsible for maintaining control of your dog to ensure the safety of others. Please be considerate and pick up after your pet's waste to dispose of properly in a garbage can. Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle; it is illegal and you could face a citation. And, just like at home, a barking or whining dog disturbs the neighbors.