



Charges Laid Associated with Contravention of Township Zoning By-law 97-95

The Township is taking this opportunity to provide an update to residents of Oro-Medonte regarding recent charges laid associated with illegal operation of short-term accommodations in Oro-Medonte.

Following established procedures and protocols, during the summer of 2023, the Township's Municipal Law division provided notice to two owners of short-term accommodations located in Oro-Medonte who were operating their establishments in contravention to Township Zoning By-law 97-95 illegally to cease operation. The owners chose to disregard the notice and continued to operate their establishments. As a result, the Township's Municipal Law division laid charges under Zoning By-law 97-95 on the basis of non-permitted use.

The charges are currently before the Ontario Provincial Court. To date, the property owners have not been convicted.

As a reminder, the Township continues to enforce Zoning By-law 97-95 and any other contravention related to prohibited use of STA's.

If you have a concern regarding a potential STA and its illegal use, to ensure all Township divisions/departments receive your concern, please email staconcerns@oro-medonte.ca. All concerns will remain in confidence and will be addressed accordingly.

If concerns are related to noise/nuisance and the owner/occupant is contravening the Noise By-law, please contact our office at (705) 487-2171 and follow the automated prompts to leave a voicemail for Municipal Law. A Municipal Law Enforcement Officer will return your call promptly. Please note there is a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer on-call during times outside of regular business hours (Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

As demonstrated above, short-term accommodations in Oro-Medonte found to be in contravention of Zoning By-law 97-95 will be required to cease operation. Failure and/or refusal to cease operation will result in legal proceedings as per the Ontario Municipal Act.

To review the Township's Noise By-law, please see [By-law 2012-167](#).