

Rental Compliance Guide (Michigan Service Areas)

Rental compliance across Michigan municipalities is constantly evolving. Many landlords don't realize they are out of compliance until they are facing fines, denied permits, or issues with tenant occupancy.

Rental Management One handles all municipal compliance for our clients, including registration, inspections, renewals, and city coordination. Most compliance issues don't come from bad landlords. They come from missing one small municipal requirement.

Oakland County

Royal Oak

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | License: Certificate of Compliance | Frequency: Varies | Link: <https://www.romi.gov>

Ferndale

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Change of Tenancy | Link: <https://www.ferndalemi.gov>

Southfield

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 2 Years | Link: <https://www.cityofsouthfield.com>

Troy

Inspection: No known requirement | Registration: No | Link: <https://www.troymi.gov>

Farmington Hills

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 3 Years | Link: <https://www.fhgov.com>

Madison Heights

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 3 Years | Link: <https://www.madison-heights.org>

Novi

Inspection: No known requirement | Registration: No | Link: <https://cityofnovi.org>

Waterford

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 4 Years | Link: <https://www.waterfordmi.gov>

Birmingham

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 2 Years | Link: <https://www.bhamgov.org>

Bloomfield Township

Inspection: No known requirement | Registration: No | Link: <https://www.bloomfieldtp.org>

Rochester Hills

Inspection: No known requirement | Registration: No | Link: <https://www.rochesterhills.org>

Macomb County

Clinton Township

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 2 Years | Link: <https://www.clintontownship.com>

Roseville

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 3 Years | Link: <https://www.roseville-mi.gov>

St. Clair Shores

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 3 Years | Link: <https://www.scsmi.net>

Warren

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Annual | Link: <https://www.cityofwarren.org>

Shelby Township

Inspection: No known requirement | Registration: No | Link: <https://www.shelbytp.org>

Macomb Township

Inspection: No known requirement | Registration: No | Link: <https://www.macomb-mi.gov>

Washtenaw County**Ann Arbor**

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 2 Years | Link: <https://www.a2gov.org>

Ypsilanti Township

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 2 Years | Link: <https://ytown.org>

Pittsfield Township

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 2 Years | Link: <https://www.pittsfield-mi.gov>

Wayne County**Livonia**

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Link: <https://www.livonia.gov>

Westland

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Link: <https://www.cityofwestland.com>

Dearborn Heights

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Link: <https://www.dearbornheightsmi.gov>

Canton Township

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Change of Tenancy | Link: <https://www.canton-mi.org>

Plymouth

Inspection: No known requirement | Registration: No | Link: <https://www.plymouthmi.gov>

Northville

Inspection: No known requirement | Registration: No | Link: <https://www.northvillemi.gov>

Taylor

Inspection: Yes | Registration: Yes | Frequency: Every 3 Years | Link: <https://www.cityoftaylor.com>

Northern Michigan (Short Term Rental Focus)

Traverse City

STR License: Yes | Inspection: Yes | Link: <https://www.traversecitymi.gov> | Notes: Strict caps and zoning

Garfield Township

STR Permit: Yes | Link: <https://www.garfield-twp.com>

Elmwood Township

STR License: Yes | Inspection: Yes | Link: <https://www.elmwoodtwp.org>

Glen Arbor

STR: Highly Restricted | Link: <https://glenarbor.org>

Leland

STR: Limited or Prohibited in many zones | Link: <https://www.lelandmi.org>

Disclaimer: Requirements frequently change. Always verify directly with municipalities.