

Scottsdale proposals would strengthen local authority over short-term rentals



In 2017, the Arizona Legislature pre-empted local authority over short-term rental properties, wiping away many municipal ordinances like the one in Scottsdale that banned property rentals of fewer than 30 days.

Three Scottsdale proposals that would give local governments additional tools to protect neighborhoods from the negative impacts of short-term/vacation rental properties have been adopted and are now part of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2024 Legislative Agenda.

The proposals are designed to return quality of life to Arizona's communities. They ask the Arizona Legislature to amend state law so that local governments can cap the total number of short-term rentals in their community, limit density in specified areas, and establish separation requirements between short-term rentals.

The city of Scottsdale and other local governments, with support from the 91 communities comprising the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, will work during the 2024 session of the Arizona Legislature in hopes of establishing these measures in state law.

Find resources and information about short-term/vacation rental properties in Scottsdale at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "short-term rentals."

It's time for short-term/vacation rental license renewals

Short-term/vacation rental owners must obtain and maintain an annual city license for each Scottsdale property. The annual license fee is \$250 per property; funds received cover costs associated with licensing vacation and short-term rentals. This license is in addition to the county and state requirements. To renew, owners should sign on to their online accounts and select the "renew license link," update or confirm account information and pay the non-refundable renewal fee for processing.

If property address is no longer offered for less than a 30-day rental, email VacationSTR@ScottsdaleAZ.gov to request license closure. Licenses not submitted for renewal by the expiration date will be closed and a new application required.

Investing in Our Scottsdale: Miller Road upgrades between Pinnacle Peak and Happy Valley roads

The project is part of Scottsdale's approved Transportation Master Plan and has been included in city planning documents since 1991. Completing this connection will create a new option for north/south travel beyond Scottsdale and Pima roads and provide a direct connection to the Hayden Road/Loop 101 interchange. The new segment will include a bridge over the Rawhide Wash, two lanes of travel in each direction, bike lanes and detached sidewalks with landscaped buffers on either side of the street.

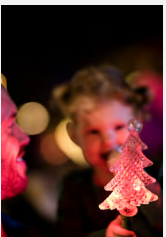
The project is funded by the Regional Sales Tax (Arterial Life Cycle Program) and Scottsdale's Transportation 0.1% Sales Tax and scheduled to be complete by fall 2024.

[Details: ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "Miller Road"

Scottsdazzle

Sparkle and Shine in Old Town Scottsdale

The monthlong holiday celebration Scottsdazzle kicks off at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. Enjoy a holiday extravaganza through Dec. 31, featuring stunning décor, the best in dining and shopping, and more than 45 incredible events. It's a celebration you won't want to miss! Details: [Scottsdazzle.com](https://www.scottsdazzle.com).



Sing-Along and Tree Lighting Ceremony - This signature seasonal celebration serves as the kickoff to more than 45 events. Walk among beautifully lit holiday décor and sing along to classic Christmas tunes. The night culminates with the lighting of a 40-foot Scottsdazzle tree! 7-9 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Scottsdale Waterfront.



Meet Santa at the Farmers Market - Scottsdale's beloved farmers market continues with a festive twist and a special holiday guest! Children can sit with Santa and receive a printed photo to cherish for years! 9 a.m. – noon Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 at Brown Avenue & 1st Street.

Gold Palette ArtWalk - Take a holiday stroll through historic Scottsdale's Art District while perusing the city's finest works of art. Soak in the beauty with all your senses as you're surrounded by the sounds and smells of the season, including classic holiday carols and hot cocoa. 6:30-9 p.m. Dec. 7 in Old Town.

Sparkle & Spin Bicycle Scavenger Hunt - Discover hot spots, historical markers and unique sites as you spin your way through Old Town solving riddles and brain teasers. 9-11 a.m. Dec. 9 and 17 in Old Town.

Learn about the city's past accomplishments and the 2024 forecast. Mayor David D. Ortega's State of the City Address begins at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess. Get ticket prices and learn about sponsorship opportunities: [ScottsdaleChamber.com](https://www.ScottsdaleChamber.com)



Looking for updates on Scottsdale's Community Sustainability Plan?

Conversations around the plan's development are continuing. City Council feedback at Work Study Sessions earlier this year resulted in a sharp focus on five priorities (Energy, Waste, Water, Air Quality, and Heat), a push to develop baseline metrics and set numeric targets, and the need to include the costs and benefits of action. The Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission has also shaped the plan's aspirations and its message based on ideas generated at several meetings devoted to ensuring the plan reflects the character of Scottsdale. Up next will be direction from City Council on draft text and more community engagement. For more information, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov) search "Sustainable Scottsdale."

Water conservation \$250,000 grant allows more residents to participate in grass removal rebate program. Scottsdale Water has diligently worked to increase its water conservation efforts. Last fiscal year, the city increased the residential grass conversion from one to two dollars per square-foot to a maximum of \$5,000. Thanks to the larger rebate amount and a heightened publicity campaign, there was a nearly 450% participation rate increase. In fiscal year 2022/2023, more than 401,000 square feet of grass was removed, which will save the city more than 20 million gallons of water in subsequent years. The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority provided the grant through the Water Conservation Grant Fund. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "rebates"

Recycle your Christmas tree at these drop off locations, Dec. 30-Jan. 15. Yellow collection bins will be available at the following city parks:

- Cactus Park, 7202 E. Cactus Road
- Eldorado Park, 2301 N. Miller Road
- Scottsdale Ranch Park, 10400 E. Via Linda
- Thompson Peak Park, 20199 N. 78th Place



Only natural, untreated Christmas trees and wreaths without wires can be composted. Artificial trees, stands, and ornaments aren't accepted. Single-family home residents can place Christmas trees in their green waste pile, separate from bulk trash, during their brush/bulk service week. Details: [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search "solid waste."



Panhandling signs encourage people to donate to nonprofits that assist with homelessness.

You've likely seen "It's OK to say no to panhandlers. Give instead to agencies that help those in need" signs throughout Scottsdale.

Giving a few dollars to someone on the street corner may feel good in the moment, but these direct donations can prolong the problem. Most experts agree that the most effective way to help the homeless is to donate to ... or volunteer with the many social service agencies focused on addressing the larger root problems behind homelessness and panhandling.

While panhandling is not illegal, panhandlers may distract drivers or obstruct views and put themselves at risk along busy roadways. Learn more or find resources: [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "homelessness"

Things To Do

For complete details, search event names in **bold** at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov):

- **Holiday schedules:** Most city offices and facilities will be closed for Christmas Monday, Dec. 25; New Year's Day Monday, Jan. 2; and Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 15. Garbage and recycling collections are not affected and will be picked up as scheduled.
- Enjoy **Scottsdale ArtWalk** - an American original. From 7-9 p.m. every Thursday, Old Town galleries open their doors to collector and casual patrons alike to enjoy featured artists, a cultural environment and refreshments.
- **Holiday Lights** runs Nov. 24-Jan. 7, at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Hop on board the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and experience a winter wonderland of lights and displays.
- Register for the Thursday, Jan. 11, **Martin Luther King Jr. Community Dinner Celebration**. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Battinto Batts, dean of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University.
- **Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction** returns to [WestWorld](https://www.WestWorld.com) Jan. 20-28, bringing hundreds of the world's finest collector automobiles and thousands of spectators to Scottsdale.
- **Western Week** - Jan. 27-Feb. 4: Connect with Old Town's history through western and Native American festivals, art walks, the Hashknife Pony Express and the Parada del Sol. [ScottsdaleWesternWeek.com](https://www.ScottsdaleWesternWeek.com)

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