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City Reminds Residents: Renting Backyards and Pools Is Prohibited

Violators Risk Citations, Fines for Unpermitted Rentals

EL PASO, Texas—To ensure the safety and well-being of the community, the City of El Paso is launching a public education campaign to remind residents that renting out residential pools and backyards for events or parties is not allowed.

“When hot weather arrives, we see a rise in safety concerns, traffic issues, and disturbances stemming from residents renting out parts of their homes as entertainment venues,” said Code Enforcement Director Steve Alvarado. “This summer to mitigate the issue, we are reaching out to residents to help them understand the law, and foster more harmonious neighborhoods.”

Using residential properties as entertainment venues poses serious safety risks, excessive noise, traffic congestion and parking problems. **Violating this zoning regulation outlined in the El Paso City Code is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000.**

Increased enforcement will follow the campaign, which will utilize a variety of strategies to inform the public about the venue restrictions and how to access more information such as:

- Direct mail to all single-family residential properties with pools
- A robust social media campaign
- Website information
- In-person visits and written notices by Code Enforcement Officers

These zoning regulations do not prohibit all celebrations, such as family parties or family gatherings. The restriction applies when payment is exchanged for the temporary use of a home’s backyard or pool as an entertainment venue.

To learn more about this zoning ordinance prioritizing neighborhood safety, visit www.elpasotexas.gov/code-enforcement/enforcement/venues-and-pools/.

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