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File Number	PLIUP-2503-0020	Contact	Chris Lee, clee@duluthmn.gov	
Type	Interim Use Permit – Vacation Dwelling Unit - Renewal	Planning Commission Date		May 13, 2025
Deadline for Action	Application Date	March 24, 2025	60 Days	May 23, 2025
	Date Extension Letter Mailed	April 3, 2025	120 Days	July 22, 2025
Location of Subject		1210 S Lake Ave		
Applicant	Steven & Heather Pitschka	Contact		
Agent		Contact		
Legal Description		PIN: 010-4380-00680		
Site Visit Date		April 29, 2025	Sign Notice Date	April 28, 2025
Neighbor Letter Date		April 14, 2025	Number of Letters Sent	16

**Proposal**

The applicant proposes to renew a 2-bedroom dwelling as a vacation dwelling unit at 1210 S Lake Ave. This property was previously approved as permit PL19-093.

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends that Planning Commission approve the interim use permit.

	<b>Current Zoning</b>	<b>Existing Land Use</b>	<b>Future Land Use Map Designation</b>
<b>Subject</b>	R-1	Single Family Home	Traditional Neighborhood
<b>North</b>	R-1	Single Family Home	Traditional Neighborhood
<b>South</b>	R-1	Park	Open Space
<b>East</b>	R-1	Beach	Open Space
<b>West</b>	R-1	Park	Traditional Neighborhood/Open Space

**Summary of Code Requirements:**

UDC Section 50-19.8. Permitted Use Table. A vacation dwelling unit is an Interim Use in the R-1 zone district.

UDC Section 50-20.3.V Use-Specific Standards. Lists all standards specific to vacation dwelling units.

UDC Sec. 50-37.10.E . . . the commission shall only approve an interim use permit, or approve it with conditions, if it determines that: 1. A time limit is needed to protect the public health, safety and welfare from potential longer term impacts of the requested use in that location ....; 2. The applicant agrees to sign a development agreement with the city.

**Comprehensive Plan Governing Principle and/or Policies and Current History (if applicable):**

Governing Principle #4- Support economic growth sectors

A short-term rental supports the tourism industry and provides a service for visitors.

Future Land Use – Traditional Neighborhood: Characterized by grid or connected street pattern, houses oriented with shorter dimension to the street and detached garages, some with alleys. Limited commercial, schools, churches, and home businesses. Parks and open space areas are scattered through or adjacent to the neighborhood.

**History:** The subject property is a single-family home built in 1921. The property has an existing vacation dwelling unit that expires in 2025.

**Review and Discussion Items:**

Staff finds that:

- 1) Applicants' property is located at 1210 S Lake Ave. The dwelling units contains 2 bedrooms, which allow for a maximum of 5 guests per unit.
- 2) The minimum rental period will be two nights.
- 3) The applicant is proposing 2 off-street parking stalls, satisfying the parking standards in UDC Section 50-20.3.V.3, which requires 1 off-street parking space for a 2 bedroom vacation dwelling unit.
- 4) The applicant has indicated they will not allow motorhome or trailer parked on site.
- 5) The site plan does indicate a grill and deck as outdoor amenities and has appropriate screening with a privacy fence.
- 6) Permit holders must designate a managing agent or local contact who resides within 25 miles of the City and who has authority to act for the owner in responding 24 hours a day to complaints from neighbors or the City. Permit holders must provide the contact information for the managing agent or local contact to all property owners within 100 feet of the property boundary. The applicant has listed themselves to serve as the managing agent.
- 7) There have been no reported zoning complaints during the previous permit terms.
- 8) A time limit is needed on this Interim Use Permit ("IUP") to protect the public health, safety and welfare from potential longer-term impacts of the requested use at the location of the subject property. Section 50-20.3.V.7 states the IUP shall expire upon change in ownership of the property or in six years, whichever occurs first.
- 9) Applicant must comply with the City's vacation dwelling unit regulations, including providing information to guests on city rules (included with staff report as "Selected City Ordinances on Parking, Parks, Pets, and Noise").
- 10) There are currently 177 licensed vacation dwelling units in the city, with 89 of those in form districts; the remaining 88 are subject to the cap of 110. The subject property is located within a residential district and is subject to the cap.
- 11) No City, public or agency comments were received.
- 12) The permit will lapse if no activity takes place within 1 year of approval.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Based on the above findings, Staff recommends that Planning Commission approve the permit subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant shall adhere to the terms and conditions listed in the Interim Use Permit.
- 2) Any alterations to the approved plans that do not alter major elements of the plan and do not constitute a variance from the provisions of Chapter 50 may be approved by the Land Use Supervisor without further Planning Commission review.

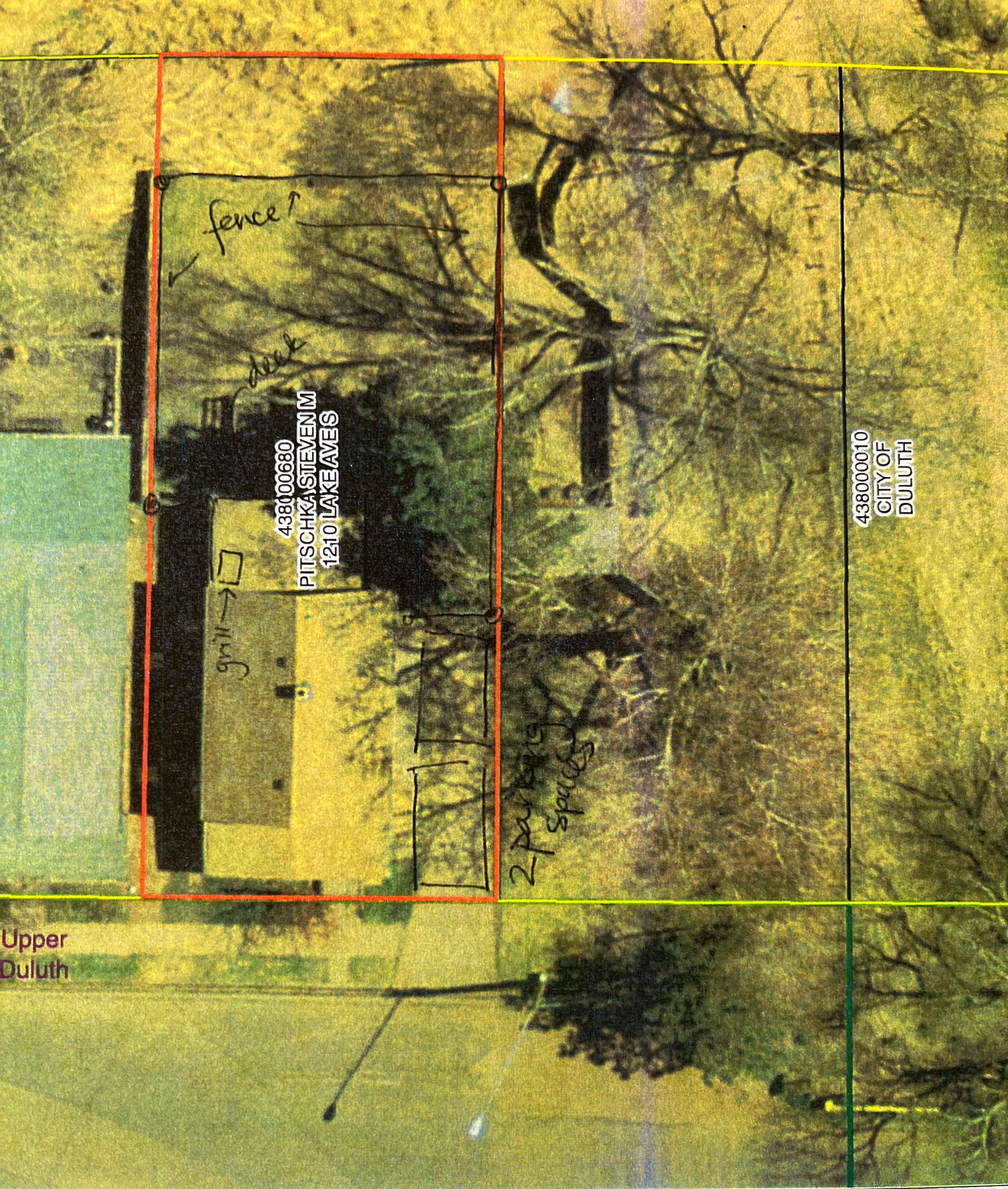


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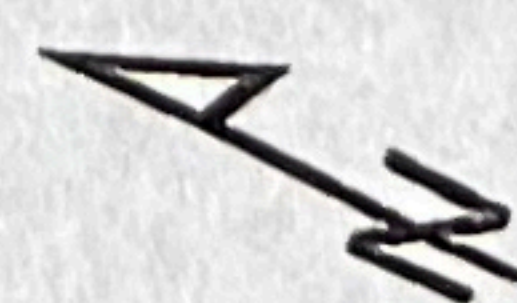




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# Vacation Dwelling Unit Worksheet

1. The minimum rental period shall be not less than two consecutive nights (does not apply to Form districts).

**What will be your minimum rental period?**

2 night(s).

2. The total number of persons that may occupy the vacation dwelling unit is one person plus the number of bedrooms multiplied by two. You may rent no more than four bedrooms.

**How many legal bedrooms are in the dwelling?**

2

**What will be your maximum occupancy?**

5 or Bedroom # + 1

3. Off-street parking shall be provided at the following rate:
- a. 1-2 bedroom unit, 1 space
  - b. 3 bedroom unit, 2 spaces
  - c. 4+ bedroom unit, number of spaces equal to the number of bedrooms minus one.
  - d. Vacation dwelling units licensed on May 15, 2016, are entitled to continue operating under the former off-street parking requirement. The parking exemption for vacation dwelling units licensed on May 15, 2016, expires upon transfer of any ownership interest in the permitted property.
  - e. Form districts are not required to provide parking spaces.

**How many off-street parking spaces will your unit provide?**

2

4. Only one motorhome (or pickup-mounted camper) and/or one trailer either for inhabiting or for transporting recreational vehicles (ATVs, boat, personal watercraft, snowmobiles, etc.) may be parked at the site, on or off the street.

**Will you allow motorhome or trailer parking?**

No

**If so, where?**

N/A

5. The property owner must provide required documents and adhere to additional requirements listed in the City of Duluth's UDC Application Manual related to the keeping of a guest record, designating and disclosing a local contact, property use rules, taxation, and interim use permit violations procedures.
6. The property owner must provide a site plan, drawn to scale, showing parking and driveways, all structures and outdoor recreational areas that guests will be allowed to use, including, but not limited to, deck/patio, barbeque grill, recreational fire, pool, hot tub, or sauna, and provide detail concerning the provision of any dense urban screen that may be required to buffer these areas from adjoining properties. Please note that this must be on 8 x 11 size paper.

7. The interim use permit shall expire upon change in ownership of the property or in six years, whichever occurs first. An owner of a vacation dwelling unit permitted prior to May 15, 2016, may request, and the land use supervisor may grant, an application for adjustment of an existing permit to conform to this section, as amended, for the remainder of the permit term.
8. Permit holder must keep a guest record including the name, address, phone number, and vehicle (and trailer) license plate information for all guests and must provide a report to the City upon 48 hours' notice.

**Please explain how and where you will keep your guest record (log book, excel spreadsheet, etc):**

On Vrbo platform, in reservation "notes."

9. Permit holder must designate a managing agent or local contact who resides within 25 miles of the City and who has authority to act for the owner in responding 24-hours-a-day to any complaints from neighbors or the City. The permit holder must notify the Land Use Supervisor within 10 days of a change in the managing agent or local contact's contact information.

**Please provide the name and contact information for your local contact:**

Heather Pitschka  
1210 S Lake Ave

10. Permit holder must disclose in writing to their guests the following rules and regulations:
  - a. The managing agent or local contact's name, address, and phone number;
  - b. The maximum number of guests allowed at the property;
  - c. The maximum number of vehicles, recreational vehicles, and trailers allowed at the property and where they are to be parked;
  - d. Property rules related to use of exterior features of the property, such as decks, patios, grills, recreational fires, pools, hot tubs, saunas and other outdoor recreational facilities;
  - e. Applicable sections of City ordinances governing noise, parks, parking and pets;

**Please state where and how this information will be provided to your guests:**

Guest welcome book, on kitchen table.

11. Permit holder must post their permit number on all print, poster or web advertisements.

**Do you agree to include the permit number on all advertisements?**

Yes

12. Prior to rental, permit holder must provide the name, address, and phone number for the managing agent or local contact to all property owners within 100' of the property boundary; submit a copy of this letter to the Planning and Community Development office. In addition, note that permit holder must notify neighboring properties within 10 days of a change in the managing agent or local contact's contact information.