.10 Sewage Disposal

- When a central toilet/shower building is provided, a dump station must be installed and properly sized [.10(3)]

.13 Insect and Rodent Control

- Pesticide use records must be maintained on file no less than 18 months and available upon request [.13(2)]

.14 Construction, Layout and Furnishings

- Cooking only allowed in guest rooms with an approved permanently installed kitchen [.14(2)]
- All furniture, appliances, carpets and accessories shall be considered property of and furnished by tourist accommodation [.14(5)]
- Linens shall be changed after each occupancy and at a minimum no less than weekly during occupancy [.14(6)]

.19 Food Service Options

- Continental Breakfast shall serve food not requiring preparation and cooking [.19(2)]
- Provide adequate sneeze protection and self service utensils for whole ready to eat fruit [.19(2)(f)]
- Multiuse utensils allowed with continental breakfast if three compartment sink installed [.19(2)(d)]
- Provide handsink and other physical requirements for continental breakfast operations in new or renovated facilities [.19(2)(g)(h)]

.20 Compliance Procedures

- Compliance procedures for summary suspension, partial closure, revocation, voluntary closure and restricting access to rooms [.20(1)-(4)]

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Note: This brochure does not list all changes
What law authorizes the Department of Public Health to amend the tourist accommodation rules and regulations?

These rules are adopted pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 31-2A-6 and 31-28-1 et seq.

What is the definition of a “Tourist Accommodation” in Georgia?

“Tourist Accommodation” means any facility consisting of two or more rooms or dwelling units providing lodging and other accommodations open to the general public and includes any food, beverage, laundry, recreational or other facilities or establishments operated in conjunction therewith and; either joined together or separate on a common piece of property, furnished for pay and further includes campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks and bed and breakfast inns and; is not a facility intended for permanent residence, or a facility available only to members of a club or through private lease or invitation.

What are some of the changes in the new tourist accommodation rules and regulations?

.03 Definitions

- Revised and added new definitions for clarification and interpretation of rules [.03]

.04 TA Permits

- Permit expires upon change in ownership, location or type of operation; significant change in physical layout after approval may invalidate permit [.04(1)(g)]
- Change of ownership means the transfer of a 50% interest or greater [.04(1)(g)]
- Additional plans for kitchen and public pool if applicable [.04(2)]

.05 Inspections

- Person(s) with access to all rooms, facilities and records; demonstrates daily oversight and monitor of operations must be available [.05(1)]
- 3 or more critical violations require re-inspection within 60 days [.05(4)]
- Correct non critical violations at time of inspection or within 30 days [.05(5)]

.07 Water Supply & Sanitizing

- Water glasses and multi-use utensils shall be washed, rinsed and sanitized [.07(5)]
- In addition to a 3 compartment sink, an approved commercial or tourist room dishwasher with a sani-cycle or 155°F supply water may be used [.07(5)(a)(b)]

.08 Toilet Facilities

- Toilet facilities sanitized daily [.08(4)]
- New and renovated facilities mechanically ventilated [.08(5)]
- Central toilet and shower building minimum construction requirements [.08(14)]

.09 Sewers

- Minimum design and specifications for dump station; existing dump stations exempt [.09(5) (a) 1.-10.(f)]