

The Formentera Offices of Tourist Planning and Interior is making available to owners of vacation rental properties a document with a clause on nuisance activities, parties and exceeding established numbers of guests.

Alejandra Ferrer, vice president and councillor of tourism, said the document was created "to offer islanders a resource to prevent illegal parties and foster a neighbourly coexistence that is respectful of residents and visitors". The document states that "activities, particularly large parties, [causing] nuisance, harm or damage to third parties or neighbours" are "expressly prohibited".

The clause explicitly forbids:

- Events and parties in the rented accommodation without prior written permission from the lessor.
- For-profit parties without the appropriate authorisations.
- Occupying or over-nighting in the accommodation by individuals other than those established in the maximum capacity and listed in the document as guests.

Signers acknowledge that "failure to comply with these clauses will result in the automatic termination of the rental contract and guests will be asked to leave the rented property immediately". Law enforcement will be contacted and enlisted to assist in the eviction in the event of non-compliance. The document includes the details of all persons who will be staying in the property and who will be responsible for any fines that may apply.

This document is signed and a copy is sent to Formentera Local Police, who are empowered to act more effectively. "We want to raise awareness among visitors as they arrive, so that they know what's required of them. At the same time, this is about providing legal support to property owners and facilitating the work of law enforcement", said Vice President Ferrer.

The clause has been tailored to the current regulations after a similar document underlining COVID-19 restrictions was well received last year. This document will be sent to tourism industry employers, estate agencies and tourism operators, and is available for download in the

Tourism Planning section of the Consell de Formentera website in Catalan, Spanish and English.

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