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Prattville vacation rental checklist

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Prattville has no short-term rental permit: its zoning code has a “Short Term Rentals” section (§7.19), but it’s reserved, and a 2022 draft licensing ordinance doesn’t appear in the code. Rental of residential real estate needs a city business license. Lodgings tax is 15.5% plus $2 a night.

The City Council held a work session on a short-term rental ordinance (business license article) on July 5, 2022. We found no adopted version. Ask the city whether rules are coming.

Airbnb’s Alabama tax article lists the state tax and the local taxes the state administers (plus Montgomery’s city tax). It doesn’t name Avenu-, county-, or city-administered taxes here, so ask your platform what it collects and file the rest yourself.

Licensing steps

STATE OF ALABAMA

- [ ] **Register for the lodgings tax**
  Create an account at My Alabama Taxes (MAT) and register for state lodgings tax, plus any local lodgings taxes the state administers for your county and city. Cities that collect their own tax need a separate account with the city.
  My Alabama Taxes: https://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov/
- [ ] **File by the 20th**
  Returns are due by the 20th of the following month. Small filers can ask (before February 20) to file quarterly, twice a year, or yearly. Paying on time earns a small discount (5% of the first $100 of tax, 2% after).
- [ ] **Know what the platform collects**
  Under Act 2024-334, Airbnb, VRBO, and other booking platforms collect the state and local lodgings taxes on their bookings unless your contract says you remit. You still owe tax on direct bookings, and the law adds a yearly report of every unit rented more than 14 days.
- [ ] **Keep filing once you register**
  If every booking goes through a platform that collects all your state and local lodgings taxes, you may not need your own account. But if you take direct bookings, or the platform doesn’t collect one of your local taxes (often the ones filed with a city, a county, or Avenu), register and file it yourself. Once registered, file every period, even a $0 return, and report platform-collected sales as a deduction. Some county offices ask owners to keep their own account and file monthly even when the platform pays, so ask yours.
- [ ] **Then your county and city**
  Local business licenses, rental permits, and zoning rules are where Alabama towns differ most. Pick your area.

AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA

- [ ] **Register for the county lodgings tax**
  Open a local tax account with Avenu Insights for the Autauga County tax (10% outside Prattville, 3% inside). Airbnb’s Alabama article doesn’t list it.
- [ ] **Then your city**
  Prattville adds its own lodgings tax and room fee. Pick your area.

CITY OF PRATTVILLE

- [ ] **Register for lodgings tax**
  Total lodgings tax here is 15.5% plus $2 a night. The city's 8.5% and $2 per room night are filed with the city; the county 3% with Avenu Insights (Autauga or Elmore, depending on your side of town). Airbnb collects the state 4% and any state-administered local tax on its bookings. Ask your platform whether it also collects the other local taxes, and file anything it doesn't (and all direct bookings) by the 20th of each month.
- [ ] **Get a city business license**
  Prattville's business license code covers the lease or rental of residential real estate. Apply with the city.

Who to contact

ADOR Sales and Use Tax Division: 334-242-1490

Official sources

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