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Alexander City vacation rental checklist

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Alexander City's business license code lists short-term rental lessors (BL-10: $100 under $25,000 in gross receipts), but we found no separate short-term rental permit. Lodgings tax is 14% (10% city, collected by the city, plus 4% state).

> Ask the city whether homes in its police jurisdiction owe a city tax, the county's 10%, or both.

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.

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

- [ ] **Switch your county filing to the state**
  Starting with November 2026 (due December 21, 2026), file the county lodging tax with the state through My Alabama Taxes.
- [ ] **Then your area**
  Most Lake Martin homes are unincorporated. Pick your area.

CITY OF ALEXANDER CITY

- [ ] **Get a city business license**
  Short-term rentals are licensed as "Lessors of short-term rentals" (BL-10). Ask the city about zoning at your address and check your HOA rules.

- [ ] **Register for lodgings tax**
  Total lodgings tax here is 14% (10% city + 4% state). The city's 10% is filed with the city. Airbnb collects the state tax and the local taxes the state administers on its bookings; for taxes filed with a city, county, or Avenu, ask your platform whether it collects them. For direct bookings, file everything yourself by the 20th of each month.

Who to contact

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

Official sources

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