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Jasper vacation rental checklist

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Jasper requires a short-term rental license (Schedule D) for each property rented under 30 days in residential, AG, B-T, and B-3 zones, with insurance, an emergency contact who responds within an hour, and written notice to owners within 500 feet. Guests are capped at 2 per bedroom plus 2. Lodgings tax is 19%.

> Fines are $150 for a first violation and $500 after.

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.

WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA

- [ ] **Register for the county lodging tax**
  File the 9% county tax with Avenu Insights (1-800-556-7274), on top of the 4% state tax through My Alabama Taxes.
- [ ] **Then your city**
  Pick your area.

CITY OF JASPER

- [ ] **Get the short-term rental license**
  Apply with an emergency contact who answers 24/7, responds within an hour, and can be on site within 12 hours. Send proof of vacation rental insurance within 30 days. Then mail the city clerk and owners within 500 feet your contact details, the code enforcement number, and the maximum guests and vehicles.

- [ ] **Follow the standards**
  Lodging only: no weddings, parties, or events, no signs, and no food served. Off-street parking for all guests. Post the license, contact, and house rules.
- [ ] **Register for lodgings tax**
  Total lodgings tax here is 19%. The city's 6% and the state 4% go through My Alabama Taxes. The county's 9% is filed with Avenu Insights. Airbnb collects the state tax and the local taxes the state administers. For county or city taxes filed with the county, the city, or Avenu, ask your platform whether it remits them; if not, file them yourself by the 20th of each month.

House rules for guests

Maximum guests: 2 per bedroom + 2, or 4 per parking space

Events: Not allowed

Official sources

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