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Centennial vacation rental checklist

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Centennial licenses short-term rentals for $50 plus $150 a year. You need a scaled plan of the property showing two off-street parking spaces and the trash area, a 24-hour contact, an owner inspection checklist, and a handout to your neighbors. The city collects its own sales tax.

Licensing steps

STATE OF COLORADO

- [ ] **Get a state sales tax license**
  If you rent rooms or a home for stays under 30 days, Colorado requires a sales tax license from the Department of Revenue. Platforms like Airbnb collect the state and state-administered taxes on their bookings; you file for anything booked directly.
  MyBiz Colorado: https://mybiz.colorado.gov/

- [ ] **Check for home-rule city taxes**
  Many cities and mountain towns collect their own sales and lodging taxes. Platforms aren't required by the state to collect these, so you may need a separate city tax license and returns.

- [ ] **Get your county or city rental license**
  Most Colorado mountain counties and towns, and Denver, require a short-term rental license or permit, often with an inspection, an occupancy limit, posted information, and a local responder. Pick your area for the rules.

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- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Cities and towns make their own rental rules inside their limits; the county's rules apply only outside them. Pick your area.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

- [ ] **Draw the premises plan**
  Make a scaled plan of the property showing the two off-street parking spaces, where trash bins go, and the rental's occupancy limit.

- [ ] **Complete the city forms**
  Fill out the owner information sheet, owner handout, owner inspection checklist, and renter rules checklist, and sign the ordinance acknowledgment, which lets the city inspect.

- [ ] **Apply and notify neighbors**
  Apply online with proof of ownership, liability insurance, and your 24-hour representative, and pay the $50 application and $150 license fees. Put the license number in every ad and give the Neighborly Handout to the neighbors on each side and behind you.
  Centennial STR license: https://centennialco.gov/Residents/Living-Here/Short-Term-Rental/STR-License

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 2.9% state plus Arapahoe County, RTD, and Centennial city sales taxes. Airbnb and other platforms collect the state and state-administered taxes on their bookings; for direct bookings, file with the Colorado Department of Revenue. Centennial is home-rule and collects its own sales tax: remit it to the city. Ask whether your platform collects it for you.

Fees

$200 the first year, $150 a year after

Application (one time)	**$50**
License (each property, yearly)	**$150**

Inspection checklist

- ☐ **Owner inspection checklist.** The city may also inspect.

Who to contact

City of Centennial: 303-325-8000
STR email: centennialstr@centennialco.gov

Centennial asks for drawings with your application.
Make the site sketch, floor plans, and evacuation maps to scale from your measurements at FireEscapePlan.com.

Official sources

Colorado Department of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Topics: Rooms & Accommodations-
. https://tax.colorado.gov/sales-use-tax-topics-rooms-accommodations

Colorado Department of Revenue: Sales Tax Guide and Colorado Sales/Use Tax Rates (DR 1002)-
. https://tax.colorado.gov/sites/tax/files/Sales%2011.pdf

City of Centennial: Apply or Renew a STR License. https://centennialco.gov/Residents/Living-Here/Short-Term-Rental/STR-License