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Littleton vacation rental checklist

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Littleton now licenses short-term rentals only in the owner's primary residence, lived in nine months a year; licenses for non-primary homes ended October 28, 2026. Up to 8 guests, two off-street spaces, a self-inspection checklist, and a 5% city lodging tax on top of sales tax.

> The city page doesn't give the license fee; it's on the city's permit fee schedule.

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.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **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 LITTLETON

- [ ] **Check that you qualify**
  The home must be your primary residence, where you live at least nine months a year, shown with two proofs. Detached ADUs, RVs, and temporary structures can't be rentals. Check your HOA covenants too.

- [ ] **Self-inspect and apply**
  Complete and sign the STR Owner Inspection Checklist, post the Good Neighbor guidelines, and apply with your ID, $500,000 liability insurance, the owner handout, and the fee. The city may inspect; refusing means denial.
  Littleton STR license: https://www.littletonco.gov/Business/Business-License/Short-Term-Rental-STR-License

- [ ] **Renew yearly**
  Renew online with the Finance Department before the license expires.

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 2.9% state, Arapahoe County and RTD taxes, Littleton city sales tax, and the city's 5% lodging tax. Airbnb and other platforms collect the state and state-administered taxes on their bookings; for direct bookings, file with the Colorado Department of Revenue. Littleton is home-rule; platforms may not collect city taxes unless they hold a city license, so check your platform's terms and confirm with Finance.

Inspection checklist

- [ ] **STR Owner Inspection Checklist.** Signed by the owner; the city may inspect.

House rules for guests

Guests: 2 per bedroom, up to 8; one party

Stays: Under 28 consecutive days

Who to contact

Permit Center: 303-795-3751
Permit Center email: permits@littletonco.gov
24/7 STR hotline: 720-310-2171

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

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