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# Unincorporated Archuleta County vacation rental checklist

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Outside Pagosa Springs town limits, short-term rentals register with Archuleta County Planning. Stays owe 6.9% state and county sales tax plus a 2% county lodging tax.

> We couldn't read the county's permit rules or fees. Many Pagosa Lakes subdivisions have HOA rules too. Confirm with county planning before you list.

## 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.

### ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Get a state sales tax license**
  Needed for any rental unless a platform covers all your taxes.
- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Towns set their own rental licenses and collect their own taxes, and the county's rules cover only areas outside town limits. Pick your area.

### UNINCORPORATED ARCHULETA COUNTY

- [ ] **Register with county planning**
  Contact Archuleta County Planning to register the rental and ask what permit, fee, and safety checks apply.
  Archuleta County Planning:
  https://www.archuletacounty.gov/county-government/development-services/planning-department/
- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 6.9% state and county sales tax plus the 2% county 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. The county lodging tax is state-administered, so platforms collect it on their bookings.

## Official sources


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