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Salida vacation rental checklist

Chaffee County, Colorado | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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Salida licenses short-term rentals only for Chaffee County residents who own the property, one per owner, with caps in each district and a waitlist in residential areas. The license is $1,000 a year, residential rentals are limited to 185 days a year, and every room-night owes a $15 lodging tax on top of 8.65% sales tax.

> The city page doesn't list safety, parking, or local-contact rules; ask the clerk what the application requires.

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.

CHAFFEE 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.

CITY OF SALIDA

- [ ] **Check eligibility and the cap**
  You must live in Chaffee County and own the property, and you can hold only one license. Residential and industrial districts are full more often than not; ask the Deputy City Clerk to put you on the waitlist, which is filled at the June renewal.

- [ ] **Apply online**
  Create a login on the city's site, then email the Deputy City Clerk to set up the electronic application. The city answers commercial applications within 30 days.
  Salida short-term rentals: https://cityofsalida.com/node/7551

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 8.65% sales tax (2.9% state, 2.75% Chaffee County, 3% city) plus Salida's $15 per room per night 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. Pay the $15 occupational lodging tax to the city in MUNIRevs; ask the city whether Airbnb collects it.

Fees

$1,000 a year

STR license (yearly, not prorated)	**$1,000**
Occupational lodging tax	**$15 per room per night**

Who to contact

Deputy City Clerk: deputyclerk@cityofsalida.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

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