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Black Hawk vacation rental checklist

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Black Hawk prohibited short-term rentals in 2024. Rentals already licensed then can keep operating until they're abandoned or the property is sold; no new licenses are issued.

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 BLACK HAWK

- [ ] **Check the address**
  Many "Black Hawk" listings are in unincorporated Gilpin County, where the county license applies. Inside city limits, only rentals licensed before February 2024 may continue, and the right ends when the property sells.

Who to contact

Black Hawk City Clerk: 303-582-2292

Official sources

Colorado Department of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Topics: Rooms & Accommodations-
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City of Black Hawk City Clerk: Short-Term Rental Information. https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/node/1346