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Mt. Crested Butte vacation rental checklist

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Mt. Crested Butte requires a yearly short-term rental license ($400 new, $325 renewal, plus $10 per advertised guest), a town inspection, and a parking plan. A local representative must respond within 45 minutes. Stays owe about 18.8% in taxes, including a 4.9% housing excise tax.

> In June 2026 the council was weighing a November ballot question to raise the excise tax to as much as 9.9%; check whether it passed before you set prices.

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.

GUNNISON 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.

TOWN OF MT. CRESTED BUTTE

- [ ] **Start by email**
  Email your name, mailing address, the rental's address, and proof of ownership to the town. Staff set up your MUNIRevs account, where the application appears under Open Tasks.
  Mt. Crested Butte STR FAQs: https://mtcb.colorado.gov/short-term-rental-faqs
- [ ] **Draw the parking plan and sign the affidavit**
  Submit a parking plan showing the maximum guest spaces (a diagram or map with the spaces marked for single-family homes; the HOA's approved plan for condos) and initial every clause of the self-compliance affidavit.
- [ ] **Pass the town inspection**
  Staff inspect for life safety and building code before a new license is approved. Adding sleeping spots later means a new affidavit, an added occupancy fee, and possibly a $75 reinspection.

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe about 18.8%, including the town's 4.9% lodging excise 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 town taxes through MUNIRevs, and report and pay tax on any bookings made outside platforms that collect for the town.

Fees

$400 the first year and $325 after, plus $10 per advertised guest

New STR license (calendar year)	**$400**
Renewal	**$325**
Occupancy fee	**$10 per advertised sleeping spot**
Reinspection (occupancy increase)	**$75**

Inspection checklist

- [ ] **Smoke alarms.** Photoelectric, in each bedroom, the hallway, and every level; under 10 years old.
- [ ] **Carbon monoxide alarms.** Outside each bedroom and on every floor where there's gas, a fireplace, or an attached garage.
- [ ] **Fire extinguishers.** 2.5-lb ABC in each kitchen; a second near the entry if the kitchen is far or on another level.
- [ ] **Egress.** Bedroom escape openings and window wells kept clear of snow.
- [ ] **Welcome binder.** Affidavit, Good Neighbor Policy, parking plan, trash rules.

House rules for guests

Guests: The number you advertise and paid for

Parking: Approved spaces only
No town-street or overflow parking.

Ads: License number, parking spaces, occupancy
$200 fine for missing items.

Who to contact

STR licensing: HSheldon@mtcb.colorado.gov

Mt. Crested Butte 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

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