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Sterling vacation rental checklist

Logan County, Colorado | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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Sterling has about 30 Airbnb listings. We found no city short-term rental license, but Sterling is a home-rule city that collects its own 3% sales tax, so you may need a city sales tax license and returns even if Airbnb collects the state and county taxes.

> What we checked (November 2026): one web search for Sterling short-term rental rules and lodging tax (no city STR page found), and the state rate table. We did not read Sterling's municipal code.

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.

LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Ask before you list**
  We found no short-term rental license here, but zoning may still treat renting by the night as a lodging or commercial use. Ask the Logan County Planning, Zoning and Building Department whether your address needs a permit, and check your HOA or deed covenants.

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 2.9% state and 1% Logan County sales tax plus the 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. County taxes are state-administered, so platforms collect them. In Sterling, see the Sterling page: the city collects its own sales tax.

- [ ] **Inside a town**
  Towns make their own rules inside their limits; the county's zoning applies only outside them. Call the town hall if your rental is in town.

CITY OF STERLING

- [ ] **Ask the city about a tax license**
  Sterling collects its own sales tax. Ask the city whether you need a city sales tax license for your rental, whether Airbnb remits the city tax for you, and whether the city has a lodging tax.

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 2.9% state, 1% Logan County, 3% Sterling, and 0.1% RTA sales tax, plus the 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. Sterling's 3% is self-collected by the city; platforms may not remit it.

- [ ] **Ask about zoning**
  Ask the City of Sterling whether zoning allows a short-term rental at your address. Check your HOA rules too.

Who to contact

Logan County Tourist Center (lodging tax): 970-522-0888
Lodging tax email: johnsonm@logancountyco.gov

Official sources

Colorado Department of Revenue: Sales & Use Tax Topics: Rooms & Accommodations-
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