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Craig vacation rental checklist

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Craig introduced a short-term rental license in April 2026: a one-time $75 application fee, free yearly renewals, an initial safety inspection, two off-street parking spaces, and a local contact in Craig. There's no cap. Confirm with the city that it has been adopted.

> We read the ordinance as introduced for first reading on April 14, 2026. Ask the city whether it was adopted as written and when it took effect. Craig isn't in our listing data.

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.

MOFFAT 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 CRAIG

- [ ] **Apply to Community Development**
  Apply for a license and pay the $75 fee. Rentals already operating must apply within 60 days after the city gives notice of adoption. Accessory units and live/work units can be rented; RVs and trailers can't.
- [ ] **Pass the safety inspection**
  Have working smoke and CO detectors, an escape window or door in every bedroom, and at least one fire extinguisher. The city inspects before issuing a new license.
- [ ] **Name a local contact and post the license**
  A responsible party located in Craig must be able to get into the home and handle complaints for every stay. Post the license in the rental and renew it every year.
- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 2.9% state sales tax plus Moffat County and City of Craig sales taxes. 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 city didn't add a short-term rental tax. Ask the city whether you need a city sales tax license.

Fees

$75 once

Application (one time)	**$75**
Yearly renewal	**$0**

Inspection checklist

- [ ] **Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.** Placed per the building code.
- [ ] **Escape opening in every bedroom.**
- [ ] **Fire extinguisher.** At least one, where guests can reach it.

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

City of Craig: Short Term Rentals Ordinance packet, Ordinance No. 1179 (April 14, 2026 council memo).
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