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Snowmass Village vacation rental checklist

Pitkin County, Colorado | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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Snowmass Village requires a town business license ($85) and a yearly short-term rental permit ($400 per unit), both through MUNIRevs, with permits expiring April 30. Stays owe 13.05% in sales and lodging taxes, and Airbnb and VRBO don't collect the town's share.

> The town updated its rules on December 30, 2025 and now treats guests trespassing on private property (for example to reach the ski area) as a major violation. We couldn't read the self-compliance affidavit; ask the town what it checks.

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.

PITKIN COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Get a state sales tax license**
  Every rental owner needs one unless a platform covers all your taxes. In Aspen and Snowmass Village, platforms don't collect the town taxes, so you'll file with the town too.
- [ ] **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 SNOWMASS VILLAGE

- [ ] **Request the right permit type**
  Submit the permit request form for your type (hotel, multi-family A or B, or single-family and duplex). After the compliance manager approves it, you finish the permit and business license applications in MUNIRevs, naming a local owner representative, your platforms, beds, bedrooms, and assigned parking. LLCs and trusts add a notarized Statement of Authority.
  Snowmass Village STRs: https://snowmass.gov/str
- [ ] **Pay and print the permit**
  Pay the $400 permit and $85 business license fees; the Finance Department gives final approval and you print the permit. Permits renew every April for the year ending April 30.

☐ **Taxes on each stay**
Stays under 30 days owe 13.05%: 2.9% state, 3.6% Pitkin County, 0.4% transit, 0.25% early childhood, 3.5% town sales tax, and the town's 2.4% 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. Airbnb and VRBO don't remit to the town: file the 3.5% sales and 2.4% lodging taxes monthly in MUNIRevs.

Fees

$485 a year

STR permit (per unit or home, yearly)	**$400**
Town business license (yearly)	**$85**

Who to contact

Code Compliance Manager: 970-923-5524
STR permits: snester@tosv.com
Sales tax: 970-923-3796
Sales tax email: eflood@snowmass.gov

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

Town of Snowmass Village: Short-Term Rentals. https://snowmass.gov/str

Airbnb: Snowmass Village, CO: occupancy tax help article. https://www.airbnb.ca/help/article/889