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Silverthorne vacation rental checklist

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Silverthorne licenses short-term rentals for $150 to $500 a year by bedroom count and caps them at 10% of homes in most neighborhoods (50% in the town core). Owners sign a notarized self-inspection affidavit and post an emergency egress plan and parking plan in the unit. Stays owe 16.375% in taxes; Airbnb and Vrbo handle the town taxes.

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.

SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Get a state sales tax license**
  You need a Colorado sales tax license for stays under 30 days unless a platform collects everything for you. The state, county, transit, and housing taxes are filed with the Department of Revenue.

- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Each town licenses its own short-term rentals and collects its own taxes; outside town limits the county's rules apply. Pick your area.

TOWN OF SILVERTHORNE

- [ ] **Check your area**
  Look up your address on the town's area map. Most neighborhoods are capped at 10% of units, the Town Core and Riverfront at 50%, and deed-restricted properties can't be rented short-term.

- [ ] **Apply with the notarized affidavit**
  Submit the application, a notarized self-compliance affidavit, the responsible agent form, the signed Good Neighbor Guidelines, and the fee.
  Silverthorne STR licenses:
  https://www.silverthorne.org/town-government/finance-administrative-services/short-term-rental-licenses

- [ ] **Post the plans and notices**
  Post the address, license, contacts, where the fire extinguishers are, an emergency egress plan, the parking plan, trash rules, and fire restrictions.

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 16.375%: 6.375% state, county, transit, and housing, plus Silverthorne's 2% sales and 8% lodging 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. If you list only on Airbnb or Vrbo, they handle the town taxes. Otherwise file monthly sales and lodging returns with the town.

Fees

$150 to $500 a year

Studio	**$150**
1 bedroom	**$200**
2 bedrooms	**$250**
3 bedrooms	**$300**
4 bedrooms	**$350**
5 bedrooms	**$450**
6 or more bedrooms	**$500**

Inspection checklist

- [ ] **Smoke and CO detectors, fire extinguishers.**
- [ ] **Fireplaces cleaned yearly; electrical panel labeled.**
- [ ] **Notarized self-compliance affidavit.**

Who to contact

STR complaint line: 970-406-4499
STR email: str@silverthorne.org

Silverthorne 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-
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