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Cripple Creek vacation rental checklist

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Cripple Creek requires a license for every short-term rental in city limits and enforces spacing between rentals. The city business license costs $150 the first year, $75 the second, and $25 after; ask the Clerk about the rental permit rules and the city lodging tax.

> We could read only the last pages of Ordinance 2022-10, so occupancy, parking, inspection, and spacing distances aren't listed here. Ask the City Clerk.

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.

TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Cities and towns make their own rental rules inside their limits; the county's rules apply only outside them. Pick your area.

CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK

- [ ] **Ask about spacing first**
  The city enforces a proximity policy between short-term rentals. Ask the City Clerk whether your address qualifies before you buy or list.

- [ ] **Get the license**
  Apply for the city business license and short-term rental permit with the City Clerk. Licenses run to December 31 each year and can't be transferred to another person.
  Cripple Creek business licensing and STRs-
  : https://www.cityofcripplecreek.com/city-clerk/page/business-licensing-and-short-term-rentals

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 30 days owe 2.9% state plus Teller County and Cripple Creek city 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 has a lodging tax packet for new businesses; ask the Clerk for the rate and whether platforms collect it.

Fees

$150 the first year, then $75, then $25 a year

Business license (first year)	**$150**
Business license (second year)	**$75**
Business license (each year after)	**$25**
Unpaid penalty late fee From Ordinance 2022-10.	**$25 plus 1.5% a month**

Who to contact

Cripple Creek City Clerk: 719-689-2502

Official sources

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