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# East Point vacation rental checklist

Fulton County, Georgia | Rules checked November 6, 2026

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East Point licenses two kinds of short-term rentals: homestays in the owner's own home ($75 a year) and whole-house rentals ($150 a year plus a business license). Stays pay 8.75% sales tax plus the city's 8% hotel-motel tax.

> We didn't confirm which zoning districts allow whole-house rentals. Ask East Point Planning before you buy or list.

## Licensing steps

### STATE OF GEORGIA

- [ ] **Know what the platform collects**
  Airbnb collects state and local sales tax, the $5-a-night state hotel-motel fee, and the local hotel-motel tax on its Georgia bookings. Ask any other platform what it collects, and keep records either way.
- [ ] **Register for direct bookings**
  If guests book and pay you directly, register for sales tax with the Georgia Tax Center and file the local hotel-motel tax with your city or county. If your city or county requires a business license or occupation tax for the rental, the DOR treats you as an innkeeper and you also owe the $5 state fee on direct bookings.
  Georgia Tax Center: https://gtc.dor.ga.gov/
- [ ] **Check your city or county**
  Most of the rules are local: short-term rental permits, business licenses (occupation tax), zoning limits, and caps. Some cities ban rentals in residential zones. Pick your area.

### FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

- [ ] **Find your city**
  Nearly every Fulton address is inside a city, and each city sets its own permit, zoning, and hotel-motel tax rules. Check your city on your property tax bill, then pick it below.
- [ ] **Know what the platform collects**
  Airbnb collects state and local sales tax, the $5 state fee, and the city hotel-motel tax on its bookings. For direct bookings you file them yourself.

### CITY OF EAST POINT

- [ ] **Apply to Planning and Community Development**
  Include a floor plan of the rooms and a site plan showing guest parking. If you are in an HOA, include its approval. The city decides within 7 days.
- [ ] **Display the license number**
  Show it on site and in every ad. Post the host's contact, maximum overnight guests, trash days, and the police non-emergency number.
- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays here owe 8.75% sales tax, the local hotel-motel tax, and the $5-a-night state fee. Airbnb collects all three on its bookings. For direct bookings, file sales tax (and the $5 fee, if you need a local license) with the Georgia Tax Center. East Point's hotel-motel tax is 8%. For direct bookings, file it with the city.

## House rules for guests

**Events: No parties, weddings, or large gatherings**

For whole-house rentals.

## Official sources


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