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Hapeville vacation rental checklist

Fulton County, Georgia | Rules checked November 6, 2026

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Hapeville issues short-term rental permits only to owners who live in the city with a homestead exemption, for at most two rentals (one must be their home). The city caps permits at 100 a year. Fees are $250 for your home and $1,000 for a second unit. Stays pay 8.75% sales tax plus the city's 8% hotel-motel tax.

> Two or more code citations in the past year can stop a renewal; three in five years can bar a permit.

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 HAPEVILLE

- [ ] **Apply to the city clerk**
  Apply each year with your homestead exemption, a water bill, your agent's 24-hour contact, parking spaces, every listing URL, and HOA permission if you have one.
- [ ] **Notify your neighbors**
  Send notice by certified mail to each adjacent property with the rental address and your agent's contact details.
- [ ] **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. Hapeville's hotel-motel tax is 8%. For direct bookings, file it with the city.

Official sources

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