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Dacula vacation rental checklist

Gwinnett County, Georgia | Rules checked November 6, 2026

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Dacula requires a $250 yearly short-term rental permit. Overnight guests are capped at 2 per bedroom plus 2 (no more than 15), and a local contact must respond on site within three hours.

> Fines up to $1,000 per violation; a second violation in 12 months suspends the permit 30 to 90 days, and a third revokes it.

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.

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- [ ] **Then your city or area**
  Permits, zoning, and the hotel-motel tax are set by each city or by the county outside city limits. Inside a city, the city's own hotel-motel tax normally applies instead of the county's; ask your city to confirm. Pick your area.

CITY OF DACULA

- [ ] **Apply to the City Administrator**
  List bedrooms, square footage, and maximum overnight and daytime guests, and swear that every bedroom meets egress codes. Property taxes must be current.
- [ ] **Post the notice by the front door**
  Show the owner and local contact with a 24-hour number, guest limits, maximum vehicles with a sketch of the parking spaces, trash day, and quiet hours. Put the permit number in every ad.
- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays here owe 6% 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. DCA's report lists no Dacula hotel-motel tax; ask the city which rate applies to direct bookings.

Inspection checklist

- [ ] **Smoke detector in every bedroom, adjoining hallway, and common area.**
- [ ] **Escape window or door in every bedroom.**

House rules for guests

Responsible guest: At least 21

Vehicles: One per bedroom (or the paved lot's capacity)
Boats and trailers count as vehicles.

Dacula 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

Airbnb: Occupancy tax collection and remittance by Airbnb in Georgia. https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/2745

Georgia Department of Revenue: Rule 560-13-2-.01 amendment notice (2025)-
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https://library.municode.com/ga/dacula/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH12BULIRE_ARTXIXSHRMRE

Georgia Department of Community Affairs: Hotel/motel excise tax rates and revenue report-
. https://dca.georgia.gov/document/document/hotel-motel-tax-revenue-report/download