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Pine Mountain vacation rental checklist

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Pine Mountain requires a business license for every business in town, issued after a Harris County inspection. We couldn't find short-term rental rules online; stays owe 8% sales tax, the town's 8% hotel-motel tax, and the $5 state fee.

> Callaway Gardens and some lake homes are outside town limits; check whether your address is in the town or unincorporated Harris County.

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**
  Pick your area.

TOWN OF PINE MOUNTAIN

- [ ] **Ask town hall first**
  The town's code isn't published online. Ask the town clerk whether a short-term rental is allowed at your address and how to get a business license; the license is issued after a Harris County inspector inspects the premises.
  Pine Mountain business license: https://pinemountainga.org/node/93
- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays here owe 8% 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. File Pine Mountain's 8% hotel-motel tax with the Town of Pine Mountain for direct bookings.

Who to contact

Town of Pine Mountain: 706-663-2213

Official sources

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

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Town of Pine Mountain: Business license. https://pinemountainga.org/node/93

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