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# Goose Creek vacation rental checklist

Berkeley County, South Carolina | Rules checked November 6, 2026

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Goose Creek requires a yearly short-term rental unit permit ($100) for each whole home rented under 30 days, with one rental per lot. You need one off-street space per bedroom and a contact who can be on site within an hour. The city adds a 1% accommodations tax, filed through its MuniRevs portal.

> The city doesn't inspect rentals but recommends an independent inspection, including decks and docks.

> The city's permit page says owners need a business license, but its tax FAQ says the permit is all you need. Ask the city which applies.

## Licensing steps

### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- [ ] **Get a retail license for direct bookings**
  If you take bookings yourself, you need a SCDOR retail license for each rental property and must file and pay electronically through MyDORWAY. If you rent only through a property manager or an online travel company that takes the payment, they remit the state tax and you don't need a license. Rent no more than one week a quarter and you can file once a year instead.
  MyDORWAY: https://mydorway.dor.sc.gov/

- [ ] **Know what the platform collects**
  Airbnb collects the 5% sales tax, 2% accommodations tax, and the local sales taxes the state collects, on its bookings. It also collects some county and city accommodations taxes, but only in the places it lists. Everything else is yours to file.

- [ ] **Register for local taxes**
  Many counties and cities charge their own accommodations tax (up to 3%), a hospitality tax, or a beach preservation fee. They collect these directly, so you register with the county or city even if a platform pays your state tax.

- [ ] **Check your property tax rate**
  A home that is your legal residence keeps the 4% assessment ratio only if it is rented out 72 days or less a year. Rent it more and it is taxed as a 6% rental property. Ask your county assessor.

- [ ] **Then your county and city**
  Business licenses, rental permits, and zoning are where South Carolina towns differ most. Pick your area.

### BERKELEY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

- [ ] **Register for the county fee**
  Collect the 2% fee from guests and send it to the Berkeley County Treasurer, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, by the 20th of each month.

- [ ] **Then your city or area**
  Pick your area. For Daniel Island or Cainhoy, use the City of Charleston page.

### CITY OF GOOSE CREEK

- [ ] **Apply for the permit**
  Apply online with proof of ownership, the signed checklist and responsibilities form, notice to adjacent owners (or a copy of a mailed letter with proof of mailing), and an HOA approval letter if you're in a planned development.
  Goose Creek STR permit: https://www.cityofgoosecreek.com/how-do-i/apply-short-term-rental-unit-permit

- [ ] **Name a 24/7 contact**
  You or an agent (18 or older) must answer around the clock, reach the home within an hour, and check on it at least weekly. An agent who isn't the owner needs a city business license.
- [ ] **Register for state and local taxes**
  The state-collected tax on stays here is 10% (state sales and accommodations tax plus local sales taxes). Airbnb collects it on its bookings; for direct bookings, get a SCDOR retail license and file through MyDORWAY. File the city's 1% tax through MuniRevs by the 20th each month, even in months with no rentals; it covers rent not already remitted by a platform. Berkeley County's 2% fee is filed with the county treasurer.

## House rules for guests

**Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.**

**Posting: Permit and guest information sheet**
Agent contact, license number, maximum occupancy, parking, emergency numbers, trash days, nearest hospital.

## Official sources


South Carolina Department of Revenue: Accommodations tax. https://dor.sc.gov/tax/accommodations

Airbnb: Collection and remittance by Airbnb in South Carolina. https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/2328

South Carolina Department of Revenue: Revenue Ruling #15-4: vacation rentals of a residence-
. https://dor.sc.gov/resources-site/lawandpolicy/Advisory%20Opinions/RR15-4.pdf

Berkeley County (Municode): Code section.
https://library.municode.com/sc/berkeley_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH62TA_ARTIIACTA_DIV1GE_S62-31DE

City of Goose Creek: Apply for a short term rental unit permit. https://www.cityofgoosecreek.com/how-do-i/apply-short-term-rental-unit-permit

City of Goose Creek: Short-term rental FAQ (MuniRevs portal). https://goosecreeksc.munirevs.com/faq/

City of Goose Creek: Short-term rental unit permit application instructions (July 13, 2023)-
. https://www.cityofgoosecreek.com/sites/default/files/PIO/2023.07.13%20Short-term%20Rental%20Application%20Instructions.pdf