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Unincorporated Clarendon County vacation rental checklist

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We couldn't find Clarendon County's code online and found no county short-term rental rules in news coverage. Guests pay the 8% state-collected tax; ask the county about any local accommodations tax, zoning, and a business license before you list.

This page is thin because we couldn't read the county's ordinances. Confirm everything with the county.

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.

CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

- [ ] **Then your city or area**
  Pick your area.

CLARENDON COUNTY (UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

- [ ] **Register for state and local taxes**
  The state-collected tax on stays here is 8% (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. We found no county accommodations tax in the sources we read; ask Clarendon County whether one applies.
- [ ] **Ask about zoning and a business license**
  Ask Clarendon County whether zoning allows a short-term rental at your address and whether you need a county business license. Check lake community covenants too. Summerton and Manning have their own town rules.

Official sources

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

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