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Crossville vacation rental checklist

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We found no short-term rental permit in Crossville's code, and the city's zoning covers only the airport, floodplains, signs, and mobile homes. Stays owe 9.75% sales tax and 9.5% occupancy tax (7.5% county + 2% city).

> Ask the city planner (931-456-8464) whether anything else applies at your address before you list.

Licensing steps

STATE OF TENNESSEE

- [ ] **Register for sales tax**
  Register through the Tennessee Taxpayer Access Point (TNTAP). One registration covers all your rentals in the same city or county. If you take direct bookings, collect 7% plus the local rate and file by the 20th of each month. Once registered, file every month, even a $0 return.
  TNTAP: https://tntap.tn.gov/
- [ ] **Get a business tax license**
  Rentals under 180 days owe business tax. With $3,000 to $100,000 a year in gross receipts in a city or county you need a minimal activity license; at $100,000 or more, a standard license. Booking platforms don't handle this for you.
- [ ] **Know what the platform collects**
  Airbnb, VRBO, and other marketplaces collect and remit sales tax and local occupancy tax on their bookings. Keep records showing they did. For direct bookings, you pay sales tax to the state and occupancy tax to the city or county.
- [ ] **Then your county and city**
  Permits, zoning, and occupancy tax rates are where Tennessee towns differ most. Pick your area.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE

- [ ] **Register for sales and occupancy tax**
  Outside city limits, tax on stays is 9.75% sales tax plus the 7.5% county occupancy tax. Airbnb and VRBO collect both on their bookings. For direct bookings, file sales tax with the state through TNTAP, and ask Cumberland County where to file the county occupancy tax.
- [ ] **Then your city**
  Crossville adds a 2% city occupancy tax. Pick your area.

CITY OF CROSSVILLE

- [ ] **Register for sales and occupancy tax**
  Tax on stays here is 9.75% sales tax plus 9.5% occupancy tax (7.5% county + 2% city). Airbnb and VRBO collect both on their bookings. For direct bookings, file sales tax with the state through TNTAP by the 20th of each month. File the city's 2% with the City of Crossville by the 20th of each month; ask Cumberland County where to file its 7.5%.
- [ ] **Check your deed and HOA**
  With no land-use zoning, the main limits on renting are deed restrictions and HOA rules. The city says these are outside its codes department, so read them yourself.

Who to contact

City Hall: (931) 484-5113
City Planner: 931-456-8464

Official sources

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