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Mineral vacation rental checklist

Louisa County, Virginia | Rules checked November 7, 2026

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Mineral levies its own lodging tax; stays owe 5.3% sales tax + 5% town lodging tax. We could not search the town's zoning code, so ask the town whether a short-term rental needs a permit.

> Most Lake Anna homes with a Mineral mailing address are outside the town, under county rules. We could not search the Town of Mineral's zoning code in November 2026.

Licensing steps

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

- [ ] **Know who pays the tax**
  When a platform like Airbnb books the stay, it collects and pays the state sales tax and the local lodging tax for you. If guests pay you directly, register with Virginia Tax for sales tax and with your county or city for the transient occupancy tax.
  Register a business with Virginia Tax: https://www.tax.virginia.gov/registering-new-business
- [ ] **Register with your locality if it has a registry**
  Many counties and cities require short-term rental hosts to register every year. Registration is a simple filing (your name, each address, and the owner's permission if you lease the home), but listing an unregistered rental can cost up to $500 per violation.
- [ ] **Check your zoning**
  Counties and cities keep their power to decide where short-term rentals are allowed and whether you need a zoning or use permit. HOA and condo rules still apply on top. Pick your area for the local rules.

LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

- [ ] **Register for the lodging tax**
  Give the Commissioner of the Revenue your rental and contact information. For direct bookings, file and pay the 7% transient occupancy tax with the county. Airbnb collects it on its bookings.
- [ ] **Then your town or area**
  Zoning rules are set by the county outside town limits and by each town inside them, and towns can add their own lodging tax. Pick your area.

TOWN OF MINERAL

- [ ] **Taxes on each stay**
  Stays under 90 days owe 5.3% sales tax, and stays under 30 days also owe the local transient occupancy tax. Airbnb collects both on its bookings. If guests pay you directly, file sales tax with Virginia Tax. The Town of Mineral reports a 5% transient occupancy tax; ask the town how to file it and whether the county's 7% also applies inside town limits.
- [ ] **Ask about zoning**
  Ask the Town of Mineral whether zoning allows a short-term rental at your address and whether you need a permit or business license. Check your HOA rules too.

Official sources

Virginia Tax: Guidelines for sales tax on accommodations (P.D. 21-116)-
. https://tax.virginia.gov/laws-rules-decisions/rulings-tax-commissioner/21-116

Virginia General Assembly: Short-term rental registries (Va. Code § 15.2-983). https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/15.2-983/

Louisa County Community Development: Short-Term Rental Ordinance. https://www.louisacounty.gov/3224/Short-Term-Rental-Ordinance

Virginia Tax: Virginia Localities Transient Occupancy Tax Rate Chart (as of July 1, 2025)-
. https://www.tax.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/transient-occupancy-tax-rate-chart_18.xlsx