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Freeport vacation rental checklist

Brazoria County, Texas | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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We found no short-term rental rules in Freeport's code. Stays owe 6% state + 7% city hotel tax.

> We searched for short-term rental rules in November 2026 and found none. Confirm with the City of Freeport, Texas before you list.

Licensing steps

STATE OF TEXAS

- [ ] **Know who pays the hotel tax**
  Airbnb collects and pays the 6% state hotel tax on its bookings. If guests pay you directly or through a site that doesn't collect, register with the Comptroller and file the state tax yourself.
  Texas hotel occupancy tax: https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/hotel/

- [ ] **Register for local hotel tax**
  Your city (and in some places your county) charges its own hotel tax, filed with that city or county, not the state. Airbnb pays it only in the places on its list; everywhere else you register and file it yourself, even for Airbnb bookings.

- [ ] **Check your city's rules**
  Many Texas cities require a short-term rental permit or registration, and some require an inspection, a local contact, or posted rules. Outside city limits there's usually no permit, but deed restrictions and HOA rules often limit rentals. Pick your area for the local rules.

BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

- [ ] **Then pick your city**
  Texas counties can't zone, so rental permits and the local hotel tax are set by each city. Pick your city, or the unincorporated page if you're outside city limits.

CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS

- [ ] **Hotel taxes on each stay**
  Stays of 29 nights or less owe the 6% state hotel tax, which Airbnb collects on its bookings. If guests pay you directly, file it with the Texas Comptroller. Freeport's 7% hotel tax isn't collected by Airbnb; file it with the city on its hotel/motel tax form.

- [ ] **Ask about zoning and deed restrictions**
  Ask the City of Freeport, Texas whether zoning allows a short-term rental at your address and whether you need a permit or hotel tax registration. Check your deed restrictions and HOA rules too.

Official sources

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts: Hotel Occupancy Tax FAQs: Airbnb. https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/hotel/airbnb-faq.php

Airbnb: Occupancy tax collection and remittance by Airbnb in Texas. https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/2331

Texas Legislature: County zoning authority (Local Government Code ch. 231). https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LG/htm/LG.231.htm

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts: Hotel Occupancy Tax. https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/hotel/

City of Freeport: Hotel/Motel Tax Form. https://www.freeporttx.gov/media/pdf/Financial%20Documents/Forms/HotelMotelTax%20Form-NEW.pdf