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# Richmond vacation rental checklist

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Richmond charges its own hotel tax; stays owe 6% state + 7% city hotel tax. We didn't check the city's code for short-term rental rules, so ask the city whether you need a permit.

> Many of the 170 listings AirROI counts as "Richmond" are outside city limits (Pecan Grove, Sienna, Aliana), where only the 6% state tax applies. We didn't check Richmond's code for rental rules; confirm with the city.

## 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.

### FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

- [ ] **Then pick your city**
  Texas counties can't zone, so rental permits and the city hotel tax are set by each city. Pick your city, or the unincorporated page if there is one for your area.
- [ ] **Other Fort Bend cities**
  Rosenberg and Missouri City each reported a 7% city hotel tax for 2025 that Airbnb doesn't collect; register with the city. We didn't check their codes for rental rules. Outside cities, deed restrictions and HOA rules apply.

### CITY OF RICHMOND, 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. Richmond's 7% city hotel tax isn't collected by Airbnb; register and file it with the city.
- [ ] **Ask about zoning and deed restrictions**
  Ask the City of Richmond, 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 (data.texas.gov): Local Hotel Occupancy Tax Reporting 2025. https://data.texas.gov/d/er34-v24h