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Lubbock vacation rental checklist

Lubbock County, Texas | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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Lubbock requires a short-term rental permit renewed every calendar year ($100 when adopted in 2019), and the rental must be in a primary residence or a legal accessory dwelling unit. Stays owe 6% state plus 7% city hotel tax, which Airbnb doesn't collect; file monthly through the city's MUNIRevs portal.

> Listings for 30 days or more must say "30-day minimum stay" in the ad. Operating without a permit is a misdemeanor.

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.

LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

- [ ] **Then your city**
  Texas counties can't zone, so rental rules come from the city your home is in. Outside city limits there's usually no permit, but deed restrictions and HOA rules may limit rentals. Pick your city.

- [ ] **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. Lubbock County reports a 2% venue tax. It isn't on Airbnb's collection list; ask the county whether it applies to your stays and how to file it.

CITY OF LUBBOCK

- [ ] **Check that you qualify**
  The rental must be in a primary residence or a legal accessory dwelling unit. Call the Planning Department to verify zoning at your address.

- [ ] **Register and get the permit**
  Apply in the city's MUNIRevs portal with every owner's, operator's, and agent's contact details, the date you started advertising, and a contact person with a 24-hour phone, and pay the permit fee by card. The permit runs for the calendar year and can't be transferred to a buyer.
  Lubbock MUNIRevs portal: https://lubbock.munirevs.com

- [ ] **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. Lubbock's 7% hotel tax isn't on Airbnb's collection list. Report and pay it monthly in MUNIRevs.

Fees

$100 a year when adopted

Short-term rental permit (annual)	Subject to annual review; confirm in the portal.	**$100**

Who to contact

Lubbock Planning (zoning): 806-775-2108
STR registration: 806-775-3849
STR registration email: kedwards@mylubbock.us

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

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