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Castroville vacation rental checklist

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Castroville requires a short-term rental permit, renewed each year, and the permit number must appear on every listing. Stays owe 6% state plus 7% city hotel tax, which Airbnb doesn't collect; file monthly with the city.

> The city's page doesn't list a permit fee or safety requirements; ask 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.

MEDINA 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.

- [ ] **In Hondo**
  Hondo charges a 7% city hotel tax that Airbnb doesn't collect. Ask the city how to register and whether a permit is needed.

CITY OF CASTROVILLE

- [ ] **Register for hotel tax and get the permit**
  Submit the city's Hotel Occupancy Tax Report and register with the city to file and pay the tax. The city issues the short-term rental permit once approved. Put the permit number on every listing.
  Castroville short-term rentals: https://www.castrovilletx.gov/2595/Short-Term-Rentals

- [ ] **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. Castroville's 7% hotel tax isn't on Airbnb's collection list. Report and pay it by the last business day of the month after you collect it. Late filing is a misdemeanor and adds 15% for every 30 days late.

Who to contact

City of Castroville: 830-931-4070

Official sources

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

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