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Weatherford vacation rental checklist

Parker County, Texas | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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Weatherford requires a short-term rental permit ($400, renewed every two years) and an inspection. Rentals are allowed in single-family zones but not on lake lots, and no more than 25% of homes on a block face. Register for the city hotel tax first; you file the 7% yourself.

> We couldn't read Ordinance O2025-05 or the inspection checklist. Ask the city for the occupancy, parking, and safety requirements and which documents to upload.

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.

PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS

- [ ] **Then pick your city**
  Texas counties can't zone, so short-term rental permits, zoning limits, and the local hotel tax come from the city your home is in. Outside city limits there's usually no permit, but deed restrictions and HOA rules often limit rentals.

CITY OF WEATHERFORD

- [ ] **Check your lot**
  Short-term rentals are allowed in single-family homes in the RE, SF 8.5, SF 7.5, R1, R2, and R3 districts and in existing homes in C1 and C2, but not on lake lots, and in planned developments only if the PD allows them. No more than 25% of homes on a block face can be rentals.
- [ ] **Register for the hotel tax**
  Register with the city's finance department before you apply for the permit.
- [ ] **Apply and pass the inspection**
  Apply online through the city's Neumo portal, upload the required documents, and pay $400. Use the city's inspection checklist to prepare; a reinspection costs $150.
  Weatherford short-term rentals: https://weatherfordtx.gov/3562/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. Weatherford's 7% hotel tax is paid to the city; Airbnb doesn't collect it.

Fees

$400 every two years

Short-term rental permit (initial) Prorated in six-month steps.	**$400**
Renewal (every two years)	**$400**
Reinspection	**$150**

Who to contact

Weatherford Development Services: 817-598-4284
Planning email: planning@weatherfordtx.gov
24/7 STR complaint hotline: 888-351-4696

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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City of Weatherford: Tax Filing and Registration. https://weatherfordtx.gov/3600/Tax-Filing-and-Registration

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (data.texas.gov): Local Hotel Occupancy Tax Reporting 2025. https://data.texas.gov/d/er34-v24h