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Glen Rose vacation rental checklist

Somervell County, Texas | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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Glen Rose has approved short-term rentals through a specific use permit with a public hearing, with conditions like giving neighbors your contact information. Ask the city whether your zone needs one. Airbnb collects the city's 7% hotel tax.

> We found this from council minutes, not a city rental page; confirm the process with the City of Glen Rose.

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.

SOMERVELL 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 GLEN ROSE

- [ ] **Ask whether you need a specific use permit**
  In 2023 the council approved a short-term rental by specific use permit after a public hearing, on conditions that police be called for no more than three genuine disturbances and that the owner give neighbors a contact number. Ask the city whether your property's zoning requires the same.

- [ ] **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. Airbnb collects Glen Rose's 7% hotel tax. For direct bookings, register and file with the city.

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

City of Glen Rose: Glen Rose City Council minutes, September 12, 2023-
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