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Wichita Falls vacation rental checklist

Wichita County, Texas | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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Wichita Falls requires every short-term rental to register for city hotel tax before it's advertised; registration is free. Stays owe 6% state plus 9% city hotel tax (7% plus a 2% venue tax), which Airbnb doesn't collect; file monthly in the city's GovOS portal.

> The FAQ defines a short-term rental as a "legally licensed dwelling"; ask Planning whether zoning allows one at your address.

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.

WICHITA 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.

CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

- [ ] **Register before you list**
  Register each rental for city hotel tax in the GovOS (MUNIRevs) portal before you advertise or rent it. There's no fee.
  Wichita Falls STR portal: https://wichitafalls.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. Wichita Falls charges 9% on gross rents, including cleaning, pet, and booking fees. It isn't on Airbnb's collection list: file monthly by the 20th (quarterly if approved), with a zero return when you have no stays. Late returns add 5%, then 5% more at 30 days.

Fees

No registration fee

Hotel tax registration	**$0**
Card payment service fee	**$2.95**

Who to contact

Wichita Falls Finance: kristin.lalumia@wichitafallstx.gov
GovOS portal support: 888-751-1911

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 Wichita Falls (GovOS): Short-Term Rental FAQ (GovOS portal). https://wichitafalls.munirevs.com/faq/

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