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Cedar Park vacation rental checklist

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Cedar Park adopted a short-term rental registration in April 2026, effective October 1, 2026: every rental property registers with the city and pays $100 a year. Stays owe 6% state plus 7% city hotel tax, which you file yourself.

> We read about this ordinance in local news; we couldn't read the ordinance or the city's registration page. Confirm the requirements with 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.

WILLIAMSON 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. Outside city limits, only the state tax applies. Airbnb doesn't collect any city hotel tax in Williamson County.

CITY OF CEDAR PARK

- [ ] **Register with the city**
  Register each short-term rental (all or part of a home rented 30 days or less) with the city and pay the $100 yearly fee. Ask the city for the application portal.
- [ ] **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. Cedar Park's 7% hotel tax isn't on Airbnb's collection list, so register with the city and file it yourself, Airbnb bookings included.

Fees

Annual registration	**$100 per property**

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

Community Impact: Cedar Park approves short-term rental registration (Community Impact newsletter, spring 2026)-. https://newsletter.communityimpact.com/p/new-post-dcf8

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