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Round Rock vacation rental checklist

Williamson County, Texas | Rules checked November 8, 2026

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Round Rock requires every short-term rental to be registered with the city for hotel tax ($35, then $25 a year). Stays owe 6% state plus 9% city hotel tax (7% plus a 2% venue tax). Airbnb doesn't collect the city tax, so you file it monthly yourself.

> The city's FAQ covers registration and hotel tax only. Ask the city whether zoning or other rules apply to 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.

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 ROUND ROCK

- [ ] **Register each rental**
  Register every short-term rental (house, guest house, or unit) with the city before you rent or advertise it. Renting unregistered violates city code.

- [ ] **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. File Round Rock's 9% (7% hotel tax plus 2% venue tax) every month by the last day of the next month, even with no stays. Airbnb and Vrbo don't collect it.

Fees

$35 the first year, $25 a year after

Registration	**$35**
Annual renewal Due before January 1	**$25**

Who to contact

Occupancy tax: OccupancyTax@roundrocktexas.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 Round Rock: Hotel Occupancy Tax FAQ (November 2025)-
. https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/HOT-Round-Rock-FAQ-Nov.2025.pdf