

STR FAQs

- **What is a short-term rental (STR)?**
 - Short-term rental is a property that rents out all or a portion of a residential dwelling unit for a period of less than 30 days and not less than 12 hours.
- **What is the difference between a short-term rental, a hotel, and a bed & Breakfast?**
 - A short-term rental is a property that rents out all or a portion of a residential dwelling unit for a period of less than 30 days and not less than 12 hours.
 - A hotel is a building in which members of the public obtain sleeping accommodations for consideration, or the cost of a room ordinarily used for sleeping. The term includes a hotel, motel, tourist home, tourist house, tourist court, lodging house, inn, rooming house, or bed and breakfast.
 - A bed and breakfast home is a private, owner-occupied residence that offers sleeping accommodations to not more than 10 lodgers. A bed and breakfast home is not a single-family house.
 - All three (3) are required to submit the Hotel Occupancy Tax but only Short-Term Rentals are required to register for a permit to operate.
- **Who has to apply for a permit?**
 - STR Owner/Operators in North Padre Island and Flour Bluff must register their STRs effective March 15, 2022.
 - STR Owner/Operators in the remainder of the city must register their STRs effective July 11, 2022.
- **How do I apply for a short-term rental permit?**
 - Apply for a permit and pay the \$50 registration fee via the application portal by [clicking this link](#).
 - Complete the registration to submit your Hotel Occupancy Tax by [clicking this link](#).
 - For a complete list of information needed to complete the application please see the Application Checklist under "forms" at www.cctexas.com/str.
- **Where are short-term rentals allowed?**
 - Currently STRs are allowed in any zoning district except single-family. The Unified Development Code (5.2.24 Rentals) prohibits the use of single-family units in a single-family zoning district for less than a one-month period including RS-4.5, 6, 10, 15, 22, and RE.
 - You can check the zoning of a potential STR with the zoning map tool by [clicking this link](#).
- **How do I report an STR that is illegally operating or violating a city ordinance?**
 - Citizens can report potential violations to Code Enforcement online (see link below) or by calling (361) 826-2489.
 - www.cctexas.com/services/public-safety/report-code-violations