

## How do I comply with SPI City Ordinances regarding short-term rentals?

You must register for the proper accounts and City license(s).

Visit our website at [www.myspi.org](http://www.myspi.org), click on the short term rentals button and follow the Steps for City Compliance with H.O.T. & Short Term Rentals.

1. Apply for an account with Avenu Insights to pay the City/County portion of HOT (11%) at 1-866-240-3665 or click on Avenu link.
  - a. NOTE: Avenu will send you your Avenu account number via email a few days after submission of application.
2. Apply for a Texas Taxpayer ID with the Texas Comptroller to pay the State portion of HOT (6%) at 1-800-252-1385.
3. Register each rental unit for a STR license with the City at <https://str.deckard.com/city-of-south-padre-island-str/>.
  - a. NOTE: An Avenu Insights account number and Cameron County Appraisal District [CCAD] Geo-ID are **required** to obtain a license number.
  - b. NOTE: License needs to be renewed annually. An email will be sent a month before expiration date to remind you of renewal.
4. List the license number in all advertisements of the registered property (online, print, radio, television etc.).
5. File HOT monthly with Avenu Insight and the Texas State Comptroller.
  - a. NOTE: Payment is due to Avenu before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to avoid any late penalties and interest.

For any Short Term Rental **complaints** or **concerns** please

### Contact Us

Phone: 956-761-8382

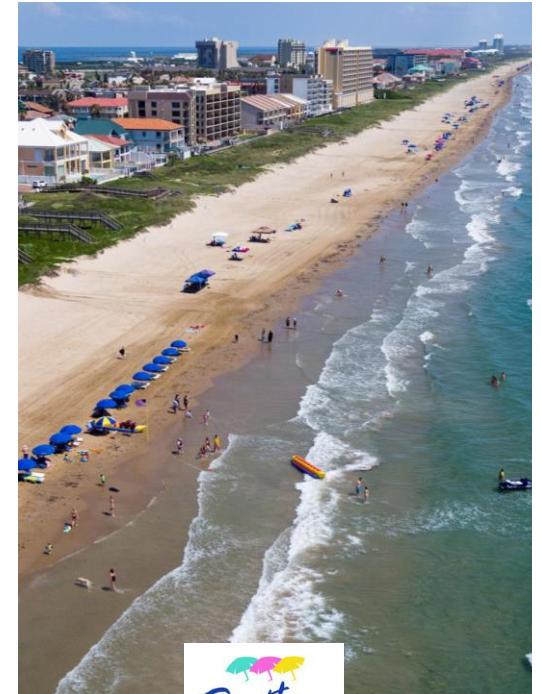
Email: [hottax@myspi.org](mailto:hottax@myspi.org)

Web: [www.myspi.org/hottax](http://www.myspi.org/hottax)

### Related Information

For questions locating the Cameron County Appraisal District (CCAD) Property ID for your short-term rental (STR) property, contact the County directly at 956-399-9322.

For questions regarding remittance and filing procedures, please contact Avenu Insights at 1-866-240-3665 (City Hotel tax is 10.5%), and/or the Texas Comptroller's Office at 1-800-252-1385 (State Hotel tax is 6%).



# Short-Term Rentals and Hotel Tax

*Compliance with SPI Code of Ordinances: Chapter 11, Article VII – Short Term Rentals*

## What is a Short Term Rental?

A short term Rental is a residential dwelling, including a single-family residence, apartment, residential condominium unit, or other residential real estate improvement, in which the public may obtain sleeping accommodations in exchange for compensation for a period of less than 30 consecutive days.

## What is Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT)?

**A tax collected for short-term rental (STR) stays of less than 30 consecutive days.**

The HOT TAX rate is broken down as follows:

City HOT 8.5%  
City Venue Tax 2%  
County Venue Tax 0.5%  
State HOT 6%

**Total 17%**



*Hotel Motel tax collections are used for tourism, advertising, and promotion.*

### Is there a fee to register my property for a short-term rental (STR) license with the City?

There is an annual registration fee of \$125 per unit rented.

### What if I don't register my STR?

You could face a fine of up to \$500 for each offense, for each day such offense shall continue.



### Can I search for compliant short-term rental properties?

Yes. We make the information available for easy access to the public. To use this tool, visit [myspi.org](https://myspi.org), click on the short term rental button and select "To **Browse** all registered STR properties [Click Here](#)." You can also visit our direct link: <https://str-public-portal.deckard.com/townofsouthpadreisland>

### Who can be my local emergency contact?

This is the person designated by the owner/operator who shall be available 24/7, and shall respond in person within one hour to complaints reported to City Officials regarding the condition, operation, or conduct of occupants of the short-term rental unit.

This person must also have the authority to take remedial action to resolve any such complaints.

### Information changed after registration?

If any information on the registration form changes, the owner, management company, or rental agent must modify that information with the City within 30 days.