



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

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

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

Below is what you will need:

- Apply for an account with MuniServices to pay the City/County portion of HOT (11%) at 1-866-240-3665.
- Apply for a Texas Taxpayer ID with the Texas Comptroller to pay the State portion of HOT (6%) at 1-800-252-1385.
- Register each rental property for a STR permit with the City (MuniServices account number and Cameron County Appraisal District [CCAD] Property ID are **required**) at [www.myspi.org/hotregister](http://www.myspi.org/hotregister).
- List the permit number in all advertisements (online, print, radio, television etc.) of the registered property.
- Submit **annual** renewal(s) on time.

## Who We Are

**Mission Statement:** The City of South Padre Island is a unique, friendly seaside resort community that values its residents and tourists, preserves and protects the natural environment and provides for quality sustainable growth and development that is highly diverse and responsive to changing economic conditions.

## Contact Us

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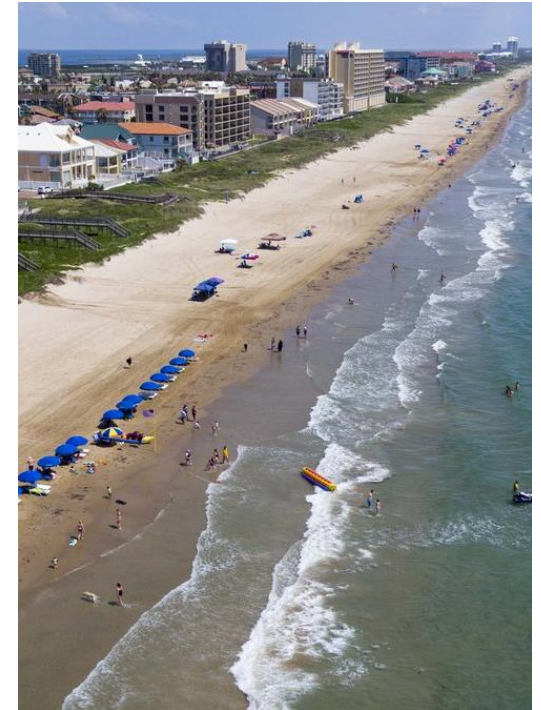
## Related Information

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

For questions regarding remittance and filing procedures, please contact MuniServices at 1-866-240-3665 (City/County Hotel tax- 11%), and/or the Texas Comptroller's Office at 1-800-252-1385 (State Hotel tax- 6%).



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# Short-Term Rentals and Hotel Tax

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



## What is Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT)?

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

On January 1, 2017 the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) rate increased to 17% for South Padre Island.

The new rate is broken down as follows:

- City HOT 8.5%
- City Venue Tax 2%
- County Venue Tax 0.5%
- State HOT 6%
  
- Total 17%**

## What is Venue Tax?

A Venue Tax is a Hotel Tax at a rate of 2% of the price paid for a hotel room or short-term rental to fund a “venue” project.

Projects in consideration are as follows: Padre Boulevard Medians, Convention Centre Annex, Parking Garage, Wind and Water Sports Facility and Amphitheatre.

*“The money from the venue tax will be used to develop amenities to make our destination island even more desirable.”*

-Susan Guthrie, City Manager

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

There is a registration fee of \$50 per property.

## 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](http://myspi.org), mouse over “How do I?”, and select “Search for Short Term Rental permits” or go to [www.myspi.org/hotbrowse](http://www.myspi.org/hotbrowse).

## 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 (with the signed rental contract in hand OR electronic equivalent) to complaints from a City Official 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.