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**Annual Licensing Fee for Short Term Rental Properties**

**South Padre Island, TX, April 27, 2023:** On April 11<sup>th</sup>, City Council approved Ordinance No. 23-04. This new ordinance amends Section 11-221 of Article XII of Chapter 11 Short Term Rentals Ordinance. For more information regarding the new ordinance please visit the City's website at [www.myspi.org/hottax](http://www.myspi.org/hottax).

Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the owner/operator who offers for rent or advertises for rent (in any manner) a short term rental of a dwelling unit shall obtain a short term rental license. The new annual license fee will be \$125 per rental unit. All short term rental properties new and old will need to be registered through the City's website at [www.myspi.org/hottax](http://www.myspi.org/hottax). Each unit will have a license number issued that will be valid from the date the completed form is filed with the City and payment of the annual licensing fee has been made.

This new fee will provide funding for the new STR program and enforcement. One of the major components of this new STR program is the 24/7 STR hotline and online complaint form that will be available to the public starting May 1<sup>st</sup> at the City's website. The City's goal in mind is to protect the public's health, safety, welfare and peace in the community.

For registration related questions, please contact the Finance Department at 956-761-8382 or [hottax@myspi.org](mailto:hottax@myspi.org).

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