



# SHORT TERM RENTAL UPDATE

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# Background

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- April 2023, City Council approved ordinance amendment allowing Short Term Rentals effective October 1, 2023
- August 2023, City entered into agreement with Avenu Insights for collection of Short Term Rental Compliance Services
- City Staff is working with Avenu Insights to implement the permitting portal; however, the tax collection portal is currently up and running

# Background (cont'd)

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- ❑ Permitting portal will be open May 1, 2024
- ❑ Training for property owners is scheduled for:

**May 18, 2024**

**at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center**

- ❑ Portal for hotel occupancy tax collection is currently available
- ❑ Property owners collecting tax on rentals must submit the tax collections via the portal

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- Business owners can make payments at link on City's website  
[https://secure.salestaxonline.com/default\\_sto.aspx](https://secure.salestaxonline.com/default_sto.aspx)

The screenshot shows the Killeen Texas website. The browser address bar displays "killeentexas.gov/318/Finance". The website header includes the Killeen Texas logo and navigation links for Departments, Government, Community, and Online Services. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header, there are social media links for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The main content area features a section titled "Hotel Occupancy Tax" which is circled in blue. This section explains that the City levies a 7% tax on rooms or space in hotels within the City of Killeen, and that the State of Texas levies a 6% hotel tax, making the combined rate 13%. It also states that revenues from the City's hotel tax must be used to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry in Killeen. A link for "Hotel Occupancy Tax Online Filing" is provided below the text. On the right side of the page, there is a vertical sidebar with the text "Disting" and "Presen".

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...ings. This fee is sometimes called a tax, but it is actually a fee for the utility's use of public streets, alleys, rights-of-way and easements owned by the City of Killeen. Franchise fees are used to maintain and build City streets, roads, bridges, and alleyways. More information on franchise fees and rates can be found in the General Fund Section of the budget document.

**Hotel Occupancy Tax**

The City levies a 7% tax on rooms or space in hotels within the City of Killeen. In addition, the State of Texas levies a 6% hotel tax, making the combined rate 13%. By State law, revenues from the City's hotel tax must be used to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry in Killeen.

- [Hotel Occupancy Tax Online Filing](#)

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# Request for Motion of Direction

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- ❑ Staff originally proposed waiving registration fee for the month of October 2023
- ❑ Proposed Motion of Direction:
  - ▣ Waive registration fee for the month of **May 2024**
  - ▣ Waive penalties and interest for taxes due for short term rental prior to April 30, 2024, if taxes are paid by May 31, 2024