

TOWN OF HOCHATOWN LODGING TAX FAQS

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Q: What is the current Hochatown Lodging Tax Rate?

A: The local lodging tax rate is 4%, effective May 1, 2023, and is applicable to all lodging within the town limits of Hochatown, Oklahoma.

Q: Where can I find the Lodging Tax Resolution?

A: The Lodging Tax Resolution can be accessed at <https://www.hochatown.gov/>. Navigate to BULLETIN BOARD then select PUBLIC DOCUMENTS to view RESOLUTION 01-LODGING TAX.

Q: How do I pay my monthly lodging tax?

A: You can remit your monthly lodging tax online at <https://www.hochatown.gov/>. Navigate to TAXES, then select SHORT TERM RENTALS, followed by the MONTHLY LODGING TAX COLLECTION form.

Q: How do I calculate my gross income?

A: Gross income is defined as the total revenue earned before any deductions or expenses. This includes all associated fees such as cleaning, pet, concierge services, and local expert fees (e.g., photography, chefs, massage therapists, deliveries).

Q: What qualifies as a Tax Exemption for Monthly Lodging Taxes?

A: Tax exemptions apply to income received from Town Residents, U.S. Government Agencies, State Government Agencies, and other legally recognized exemptions.

Q: Can I do a bulk remittance for multiple cabins?

A: Yes, taxpayers may submit a single bulk payment for multiple cabins. To facilitate proper reconciliation, please download the provided Excel Worksheet from the Monthly Lodging Tax Collection Form, itemize each property's remittance, save the document, and re-upload it as instructed. Click [HERE](#) to download Excel Worksheet.

Q: Where can I find the recently passed Short-Term Rental Ordinance (STR) for the Town of Hochatown?

A: The STR ordinance can be accessed at <https://www.hochatown.gov/>. Navigate to BULLETIN BOARD and then select PUBLIC DOCUMENTS scroll down to find ORDINANCE NO. 6-SHORT TERM RENTALS and ORDINANCE NO 10-STR AMENDMENT.

Q: Is a license required to operate a Short-Term Rental (STR) in Hochatown?

A: Yes, a license will be required to operate an STR within the town limits of Hochatown, effective July 1, 2024. The Operator shall display the short-term rental license within the premises near the main entry in a noticeable location so that the license may be readily seen at any time by a person entering the premises.

Q: What is the purpose of the STR License & Fee?

A: The STR License serves as an operating permit that must be visibly displayed at each STR and funds are used to cover costs associated with compliance monitoring of Town Ordinances related to Short-Term Rentals.

Q: What is the cost of an STR License?

A: The cost for a newly registered license will be a total of \$400. The initial registration fee is a one-time payment of \$300. The annual license fee is \$100 due at the time of registration and thereafter on or before July 1st each year.

Q: How do I obtain my STR License?

A: To obtain your STR License, visit <https://www.hochatown.gov/>. Navigate to TAXES, then select SHORT TERM RENTALS, followed by the STR LICENSE APPLICATION form. Once completed, you will receive your official STR License via email to display the short-term rental license within the premises near the main entry in a noticeable location so that the license may be readily seen at any time by a person entering the premises.

Q: If Airbnb or VRBO has been paying my lodging tax, am I current?

A: The town of Hochatown has not received lodging tax payments from Airbnb, VRBO, or similar platforms. It remains the responsibility of the cabin owner to ensure the lodging tax is paid. We recommend confirming that all payments have been submitted since May 1, 2023, as interest and penalties may apply for missed tax payments.

Q: I pay a management company and a cleaning crew; should I deduct their fees before calculating my lodging tax?

A: No, the lodging tax is calculated based on the total gross amount charged to the guest, which includes all associated fees (cleaning, pet fees, concierge services, etc.).

Q: Who do I contact for customer service?

A: The Town of Hochatown is your main contact for customer service. We can be reached by:

Phone: (580) 494-7390 **Email:** Tax@Hochatown.gov **In Person:** 101 Rock Oak Lane