

TOWN OF HOCHATOWN LODGING TAX FAQs

<https://www.hochatown.gov>

Q: What is the current Hochatown Lodging Tax Rate?

A: The local town lodging tax of 4% shall become effective May 1, 2023, and must be collected on all “lodging” within the town limits of Hochatown, Oklahoma.

Q: Where do I find the Lodging Tax Resolution?

A: Visit <https://www.hochatown.gov>. Under BULLETIN BOARD click on PUBLIC DOCUMENTS to find RESOLUTION 01-LODGING TAX

Q: How do I pay my lodging tax?

A: You can remit your taxes online, by mail or in person.

1. Avenu Insights – hoteltaxonline.com
 - a. Taxpayer Support: 866-240-3665; suppormuni@avenuinsights.com
2. Fill out Original Tax Form and remit with a check to:
Town of Hochatown
c/o Avenu Insights
PO Box 830725
Birmingham, AL 75283-0725
3. Fill out Original Tax Form and remit with a check in person to:
Town of Hochatown
101 Rock Oak Lane
Hochatown, Oklahoma
M-F 9am-3pm

Q: How do I calculate my gross income

A: Gross income is the total earnings or revenue before any deductions or expenses are subtracted. This includes associated fees such as cleaning, pet, concierge, local experts (photography, chefs, massage therapist, etc.), deliveries, etc.

Q: The Town of Hochatown recently passed and amended a Short-Term Rental Ordinance (STR). Where can I find it?

A: Visit <https://www.hochatown.gov>. Under BULLETIN BOARD click on PUBLIC DOCUMENTS to find “Ordinance NO. 6—Short Term Rentals” and “Ordinance NO. 10—STR Amendment.”

Q: Is a license required to operate an STR in Hochatown?

A: Yes. Beginning September 1, 2024, a license is required to operate a STR in the Town limits of Hochatown.

Q: What is the STR License & Fee for?

A: An STR License supplies the operating permit to be posted in each STR. Also, it provides funding to defray costs associated with monitoring compliance with Town Ordinances governing Short-term Rental License.

Q: What is the cost for a STR License?

A: An initial license application costs \$300 (which is waived if registration is completed by September 1, 2024, and no lodging taxes are outstanding). The annual registration fee is \$100 due on or before September 1, 2024, and on July 1 every year thereafter.

Q: Airbnb or VRBO or [similar platform] has been paying my lodging tax, so I am current right?

A: The town of Hochatown has never received a lodging tax check from Airbnb, VRBO or most other platforms. It is the Cabin owner’s responsibility to make sure the lodging tax has been paid. We encourage you to confirm that payments have been made since May 1, 2023. Interest and Penalties accrue on missed tax payments. Typically, Airbnb, VRBO and other similar platforms will not collect or remit town lodging tax as policy. You will need to account for it in your rates and remit it to the town directly.

Q: How do I register for a STR License?

A: You can send your application online, by mail or in person.

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Q: I pay the management company and a cleaning crew; do I subtract that from the total amount and then pay the lodging tax based on the net amount?

A: No. The lodging tax is due on the entire gross amount you charged the guest—including management fees, cleaning fee and any other applicable fees.