

Short-term Rental Timeline for the City of Wolfforth

The City of Wolfforth has always had an ordinance that prohibited short-term rentals in a residential area. The following are the ordinances that specify what can be permitted in a residential area:

☐ § 14.03.011 Residential use categories.

(b) Household Living.

- (1) Characteristics. Household Living is characterized by the residential occupancy of a dwelling unit by a household. Tenancy is arranged on a month to month or longer basis. Uses where tenancy may be arranged for a shorter period are not considered residential. They are considered to be a form of transient lodging (see the Retail Sales and Service and Community Service categories).

July 2021

At the beginning of July 2021, the City of Wolfforth staff was made aware of concerns from a AirBNB at 303 N 10th. They were created a traffic concern, along with other nuisances. On July 21st, the owner's were made aware that having short-term rental in city limits was prohibited. By August 3, 2021, the short-term rental was removed from websites and no longer rented.

August 2, 2021

At the August 2, 2021 City Council meeting, a resident asked for City Council to look into allowing Transient Lodging inside the city limits. Many citizens from the Preston Manor neighborhood spoke up during Public Comment with concerns from previous properties. Council decided to not pursue amending the ordinance for transient lodging.

May 2023-Nov 2023

Hotel Occupancy Taxes were submitted to the City of Wolfforth for the property of 3408 Bryan Avenue. The property was managed by a third-party. After several months of attempts to contact the owners about violations, the property was removed from short-term rental sites.

Jan 2024-Feb 2024

On January 30, 2024, Code Enforcement heard complaints from concerned citizens that the property at 604 N 6th Street was creating some nuisances within the neighborhood due to being a short-term rental. The property owners were notified and by early February had removed the property from all listings and was no longer using the property as a short-term rental.