

ORDINANCE NO. 3926

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, AMENDING APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, TO INCLUDE FEES RELATED TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of North Richland Hills ("City") is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the registration of short-term rentals provides essential information to the City to ensure compliance with health, safety, and zoning requirements, while protecting the welfare of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the administration and enforcement of short-term rental regulations imposes costs on the City, including staff time for processing applications, monitoring compliance, responding to complaints, and conducting inspections; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare that these costs be offset by a registration fee assessed to the owners and operators of short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the registration fee is fair, reasonable, and necessary to preserve the integrity and character of the community while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby finds the recitals above to be true and correct, and such recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if written herein.

SECTION 2: Appendix A “Fee Schedule” to the Code of Ordinances, City of North Richland Hills, Texas, shall be amended by amending the table of fees as authorized by Chapter 18 “Businesses” to add the following:

Location in Code	Description	Fee
Section 18-961	Short-term rental annual permit application	\$450.00
Section 18-962	Short-term rental reinspection fee	\$100.00

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the Code of Ordinances, City of North Richland Hills, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: All rights and remedies of the City of North Richland Hills are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances in the Code of Ordinances, City of North Richland Hills, Texas, that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 5: It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 13th day of October, 2025.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Bradley A. Anderle, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Cori Reaume, Director of Planning