



TAX FACTS

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OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX RENEWALS

Occupational License Tax renewals for 2010 were mailed in December. Licenses renewed after March 1, 2010, will be deemed delinquent and subject to penalty and interest. Penalty at the rate of 5% per month or fractional part thereof, not to exceed 25%, and interest at the rate of 15% per annum, will be computed from the first day of March until paid.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX RENEWALS ONLINE

Any registered occupational license taxpayer that receives a personal identification number (PIN) on their 2010 renewal form is eligible to file and pay by ACH debit online. You can access our website at www.brgov.com/dept/finance and click on Occupational License Tax renewals to pay online beginning in January 2010. You will be asked to provide your eight digit account number and PIN in order to access the renewal form for your business.

SALES TAX CLEARANCE LETTERS REQUIRED FOR ABC RENEWALS

Since August 15, 1995, various sections of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes have required applicants for alcoholic beverage or beer permits to obtain a tax clearance from the local jurisdiction within which the licensed business is located. Permit holders located within East Baton Rouge Parish are directed to contact this office at 389-3084 for instructions on obtaining this tax clearance before the filing deadline for East Baton Rouge Parish Alcoholic Beverage Permit renewals on January 31.

STORAGE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO SALES AND USE TAX

The East Baton Rouge Parish Sales and Use Tax Ordinance and Title 72 of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code Part I, General Provisions-Chapter 5, provides for tax on the storage of tangible personal property and levies a tax on tangible personal property purchased for use, consumption, distribution, or storage for use or consumption in this parish. The ordinance defines "storage" as any keeping or retention in the parish of tangible personal property. Storage of property in this parish is subject to our sales and use tax. However, according to R.S. 33:2716.2, property purchased from out-of-parish, and delivered into East Baton Rouge Parish by common carrier, and which the invoice or purchase order is documented for ultimate use outside this parish, is not subject to our use tax. Therefore, property stored in this parish for use outside of this parish should be earmarked as such; otherwise, it will be subject to our use tax. No use tax is due our parish although such property may be stored in this parish for an indefinite period of time. If the property is later removed from storage and subsequently used in this parish, then it becomes subject to our use tax. When the storage provision is used properly, use tax is due where the property is installed or consumed. Transactions in which title and possession of tangible personal property are transferred within a local taxing jurisdiction are clearly sales at retail and these transactions are not eligible for the temporary storage exclusion.

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TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

According to Rule 15 of our Sales and Use Tax Rules and Regulations, separately stated transportation charges for the delivery of goods to the buyer's destination location are not taxable. For example, a store that sells goods from its floor stock and adds a \$50 freight charge to the sales invoice for delivery to the customer's location should not collect sales tax on the \$50 freight charge.

An exception would be the sale of a product contingent on the satisfactory condition of the product upon delivery. Concrete vendors, for example, must deliver their product to the job site in specialized vehicles that turn the ready-mixed concrete while in transit to ensure that the product reaches the job site in acceptable condition. The conditions of the sale are not met until delivery is completed. The transportation charge under these circumstances is taxable.

Transportation charges by a manufacturer or wholesaler for delivering property to the retail dealer's location are subject to sales tax when the product is sold and these costs are passed on to the customer.

Remember to mail your return early! Returns bearing a U.S. postmark on or after the delinquent dates will be assessed penalty, interest, and loss of vendors' compensation.

Sales Tax Due Dates

Following are the sales tax due dates for the first quarter of 2010:

For the Month of	Tax Due Date	Delinquent Date
January	February 1	February 23
February	March 1	March 23
March	April 1	April 21

Need help?

Taxpayers may contact the Revenue Division by phone or fax to receive assistance between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Taxpayer Assistance (225) 389-3084
Fax Number (225) 389-5369

Taxpayer Topics

The *Tax Facts* newsletter is issued quarterly by the Department of Finance/Revenue Division. Our mission is to provide taxpayers with information concerning developments and policies regarding the collection of local sales and use tax within East Baton Rouge Parish. The Revenue Division invites any suggestions, questions or comments on issues that you would like addressed in future issues of *Tax Facts*. Please send these items to:

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