

City and County Use Tax Changes

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New Information

Effective October 1, 2018, vehicle transfer application fees with applicable sales/use tax rates will **increase** for the following cities and counties. The **new** total sales/use tax rates include state, county, and city (special district) rates:

<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>County Code (CC)</i>	<i>Affected Zip Codes *</i>	<i>Current Sales/Use Tax Rate (%)</i>	<i>New Total Sales/Use Tax Rate (%)</i>
Chula Vista	San Diego	37	91902, 91910–11, and 91913–15	8.25	8.75
Corte Madera	Marin	21	94925 and 94976	8.25	9.00
Grass Valley	Nevada	29	95945 and 95949	7.50	8.50
Huntington Park	Los Angeles	19	90001, 90058, and 90255	9.50	10.25
Kingsburg	Fresno	10	93631	7.975	8.975
Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	44	95060, 95062, and 95064–65	9.00	9.25

*Certain zip codes may represent areas that have different tax rates based on city and county boundaries. To identify the correct tax rate, visit the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) website at www.cdtfa.ca.gov, look under *Current Tax Rates*, and click *Find a Sales and Use Tax Rate by Address*.

Application Affected Dates

The new city or county sales/use tax rate will apply to:

- Original applications with a “fee due date” or “date of first operation” of October 1, 2018, or later.
- Transfer applications with a purchase date of October 1, 2018, or later.

Other Sales/Use Tax Rates

Only the cities listed in the previous tables have tax rate changes on October 1, 2018. All other existing state, county, and city sales/use tax will continue at their current rate.

Procedures

Process registration applications as normal; programming will generate the correct use tax and county fees. For complete state, county, and city sales/use tax rate information, visit the CDTFA website at www.cdtfa.ca.gov, look under *Current Tax Rates*, and click *Tax Rates by County and City*.

Background

Registered voters approved or extended measures to charge sales/use tax rates for certain jurisdictions beginning October 1, 2018. The sales and use tax rate varies throughout the state of California. The sales/use tax rate is higher than the current state rate of 7.25 percent in areas where there are voter-approved special district (county, city, or both) taxes. The state, county, and/or city taxes are combined to determine the total sales/use tax rate due.

Under an Interagency Agreement Contract, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) acts as an agent for CDTFA to collect sales or use tax when a vehicle or undocumented vessel is sold or transferred from someone other than a licensed California dealer, manufacturer, or dismantler, unless the transaction is specifically exempted from payment of the sales or use tax. DMV assesses tax due based on the state, county, city and zip code of the registered owner's residence.

Distribution

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References

California Vehicle Code §§4000, 9250.7, 9250.19, and 9840

California Revenue and Taxation Code §§6067, 6366, 6366.1, 7251, and 7285.9