

Vehicle Industry News VIN 2020-03 City and County Use Tax Changes

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New Information

Effective April 1, 2020, vehicle transfer application fees with applicable sales/use tax rates will **increase** for the following special districts. The **new** total sales/use tax rate includes state, county, and city (special districts) rates:

City	County	County Code (CC)	Affected Zip Codes*	Current Sales/Use Tax Rate (%)	New Total Sales/Use Tax Rate (%)
Parlier	Fresno	10	93648	7.975%	8.975%
Irwindale	Los Angeles	19	91706	9.50%	10.25%
Monrovia	Los Angeles	19	91016	9.50%	10.25%
Sierra Madre	Los Angeles	19	91024	9.50%	10.25%
South Pasadena	Los Angeles	19	91030	9.50%	10.25%
San Bruno	San Mateo	41	94066	9.25%	9.75%

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

Effective April 1, 2020, vehicle transfer application fees with applicable sales/use tax rates will **be extended** in the following cities:

City	County	CC	Affected Zip Codes	Extended Current Sales/Use Tax Rate (%)	Until
Lynwood	Los Angeles	19	90262	10.25%	No sunset
Oakdale	Stanislaus	50	95361	8.375%	03/31/2031

Application Affected Dates

The sales/use tax rate changes will apply to:

- Original applications with a "fee due date" or "date of first operation" of April 1, 2020, or later.
- Transfer applications with a purchase date of April 1, 2020, or later. Process registration application as normal; programming will generate the correct use tax 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 **cdtfa.ca.gov**, look under *Current Tax Rates*, and click *Tax* Rates by County and City.

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Background

Registered voters approved measures to charge new or extend existing sales/use tax rates to residents within specific jurisdictions beginning April 1, 2020. 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.

References

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

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