



# Town of Cottonwood (9422) Business License Fee Schedule

including General Information/FAQs



## Thank you for doing business in the Town of Cottonwood.

All businesses operating in the city limits or police jurisdiction of the Town of Cottonwood must purchase an annual business license prior to the commencement of business.

### How to file:

- **Preferred Method:** To remit payment online: Go to <https://rds.bizlicenseonline.com/>. Complete a simple registration, file and pay online. Any required certifications can be emailed to [bizlicensesupport@revds.com](mailto:bizlicensesupport@revds.com).
- To remit payment by form: Complete the Business License Application located [here](#). For your convenience this form can be completed electronically with Adobe Reader, or printed then manually completed.

Make your check payable to Tax Trust Account and mail to RDS, Business License Department, P.O. Box 830900, Birmingham, AL 35283-0900. Be sure to enclose any required certifications with your payment.

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## File online:

<https://rds.bizlicenseonline.com/>

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### Important facts to know when completing your business license:

**License Due Date:** Renew annually on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**License Delinquent Date:** Licenses are considered delinquent after January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**License Expiration:** All licenses (except temporary licenses) expire December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**To prevent a delay in the issuance of a license, please note the following:**

- Gross-based schedules must report gross receipts for the previous year. For more details, click on "Gross Receipts" in the gray box to the left.
- Unit-based schedules must provide the number of units. Units may refer to number of employees, square footage, vehicles, days, agents, etc. See fee schedule for details for each business type.
- Schedules that indicate certification is required must have a copy of the certification submitted with the application.

### Customer Service



Toll Free Phone: 800.556.7274  
Toll Free Fax: 844.528.6529  
Se habla español.



Email: [bizlicensesupport@revds.com](mailto:bizlicensesupport@revds.com)  
Website: [www.revds.com](http://www.revds.com)



Remit to address:  
RDS-Business License Department  
PO Box 830900  
Birmingham, AL 35283-0900

Make checks payable to "Tax Trust Account"

Internal No.	Type	Classification/Business Description including Certification information	Calculation Information See Schedule
721191	Flat	<b>Accommodations</b> - bed & breakfast, inns, & services	150.00
721110	Gross	<b>Accommodations</b> - hotels, motels, & similar facilities	150.00 + C
721310	Flat	<b>Accommodations</b> - rooming houses & boarding houses	150.00
721214	Flat	<b>Accommodations</b> - trailer parks, RV parks, & travel parks	150.00
541211	Flat	<b>Accountant/CPA</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Public Accountancy Board</b>	100.00
561439	Flat	<b>Administrative Services</b> - answering, employment, office, secretarial, travel	75.00
511120	Flat	<b>Advertising Media</b>	75.00
524292	Flat	<b>Agent for Oil Mills, Cotton Seed, Peanuts</b>	150.00
115114	Flat	<b>Agriculture support</b> – Cotton Gins,	75.00
561621	Flat	<b>Alarm Companies</b> - sprinklers & security-monitoring & installation <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure</b>	75.00
312141	Flat	<b>Alcohol</b> - state regulated through ABC <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board)</b>	H
713990	Gross	<b>Amusement</b> – arcades, golf clubs, fitness, bowling centers	B
112991	Flat	<b>Animals</b> – Livestock Dealers – Dairy Cattle, Ranching	75.00
112990	Flat	<b>Animals</b> – Poultry Dealers - Chickens	75.00
335211	Gross	<b>Appliance Manufacturing.</b> – small appliance, lighting, electrical, battery, freezer	100.00 + D
541310	Flat	<b>Architect</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Architects Registration Board</b>	100.00
711219	Flat	<b>Arts &amp; Sports</b> - dance, musical, artist, gymnastics	50.00
541110	Flat	<b>Attorney/Lawyer</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama State Bar</b>	100.00
521111	Flat	<b>Bank Branch or ATM</b> - not main office of bank	10.00
521110	Flat	<b>Bank Main Office</b> - not branch location or ATM	125.00
812111	Flat	<b>Barber Shops</b> <b>Must Provide Board Certification: AL Board of Cosmetology &amp; Barbers</b>	50.00
812112	Flat	<b>Beauty Salons</b> <b>Must Provide Board Certification: AL Board of Cosmetology &amp; Barbers</b>	50.00
312121	Flat	<b>Beer - off premise</b> - state regulated through ABC <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board)</b>	H
312122	Flat	<b>Beer - on premise</b> - state regulated through ABC <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board)</b>	H
312132	Flat	<b>Beer &amp; Wine</b> - wholesale distributor	H
312100	Gross	<b>Beverage Manufacturing</b> - all types of soft drinks, bottled water, breweries, ice	100.00 +E
812199	Flat	<b>Bonding Company</b>	50.00
541211.01	Flat	<b>Bookkeeper</b>	100.00

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513100	Flat	<b>Broadcasting</b> - radio & television stations	100.00
444130	Flat	<b>Building Materials</b> - hardware, paint, wallpaper, nursery	75.00
811192	Flat	<b>Car Wash – Detail Shop</b>	75.00
910003	Units	Category for number of <b>amusement devices and/or games</b>	P
910002	Units	Category for number of <b>pool tables</b>	O
910001	Units	Category for number of <b>vending machines</b> - all types vending	N
722320	Flat	<b>Caterers</b> <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Health</b>	75.00
325998	Flat	<b>Chemical Manufacturing</b> – of fertilizer, wood, pesticide, paint, soap, resin, plastic & Animal Food	150.00
624410	Flat	<b>Child Day Care Service</b> <b>May Require Board Certification: Department of Human Resources</b>	50.00
621310	Flat	<b>Chiropractor</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Chiropractic Examiners Board</b>	75.00
448190	Flat	<b>Clothing &amp; Accessories</b> - men, women, children, infant, shoe, jewelry	75.00
334419	Gross	<b>Computer &amp; Electronic Manufacturing</b> – audio, video, circuit boards, peripherals	100.00 + D
541511	Flat	<b>Computer Programmer</b> - software engineer, networking, CAD	100.00
999111	Flat	<b>Consultant</b>	50.00
233320	Flat	<b>Contractors - general contractors</b> – Builders / Residential & Commercial <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Licensing Board of General Contractors/Home Builders Licensure Board</b>	100.00
234990	Flat	<b>Contractors - general contractors</b> - repairs & maintenance	50.00
235950	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - bldg equipment & mechanical installation	50.00
235510	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - carpentry contractors	50.00
235710	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - concrete contractors	50.00
235420	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - drywall, acoustical & insulation	50.00
235310	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - electrical contractors <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Electrical Contractors Board</b>	50.00
235930	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - excavation & site development-Roads – Drive ways	100.00
235520	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - floor coverings/all types	50.00
235920	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - glass & glazing contractors	50.00
235111	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - heating & air conditioning <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Heating &amp; Air Conditioning &amp; Refrigeration Contractors Board</b>	50.00
235410	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - masonry & stone contractors	50.00
235210	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - painting & wall covering	50.00
235110	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> – plumbing <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Plumbers &amp; Gas Fitters Examining Board</b>	50.00

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235610	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - roofing, siding & sheet metal	50.00
235910	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - structural steel erection	50.00
235430	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - tile, marble, terrazzo & mosaic	50.00
235810	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - water well drilling & irrigation	50.00
235940	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trade</b> - wrecking & demolition	50.00
235990	Flat	<b>Contractors - specialty trades contractors</b> - non-general & non-heavy	50.00
522390	Flat	<b>Credit Services</b> - check cashing	150.00
492210	Gross	<b>Deliveries</b> - Business Located Inside City Limits	V
492210.01	Gross	<b>Deliveries</b> - Business Located Outside City Limits	V
621200	Flat	<b>Dentist</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Board of Dental Examiners of AL</b>	100.00
452110	Gross	<b>Department Store</b> - department, warehouse clubs	100.00 + A
711311	Flat	<b>Disc Jockeys</b>	50.00
722410	Gross	<b>Drinking Establishment</b> - club, lounge, bar or other <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board)</b>	250.00 + B
611699	Flat	<b>Educational Services</b> - technical, computer, sports, services, business	75.00
443112	Flat	<b>Electronic &amp; Appliance Store</b> - household, radio, television, computers	75.00
541330	Flat	<b>Engineer</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Engineers &amp; Land Surveyors Professional Licensure Board</b>	100.00
561710	Flat	<b>Exterminating Services</b> - exterminating company & its services <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Agriculture and Industries</b>	50.00
111998	Flat	<b>Farming</b> – agriculture, crop production, nursery fruit, growers	75.00
453320	Flat	<b>Fireworks Retail</b>	100.00
114119	Flat	<b>Fishing &amp; hunting Supplies</b> – Bait & Tackle	75.00
445110	Flat	<b>Food &amp; Beverage Stores</b> - grocery, convenience store, markets	75.00
113110	Flat	<b>Forestry</b> – Logging, forestry, timber track operations, timber mgt.	100.00
812990	Flat	<b>Fortune Teller</b> - or Clairvoyant – individual reader license	M
525990	Flat	<b>Funds, Trusts, Other Financial Agencies</b> – Mortgage Brokers	150.00
812210	Flat	<b>Funeral Directors</b> <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Board of Funeral Services</b>	75.00
442290	Flat	<b>Furniture</b> - furniture, home furnishings, stores, floor coverings, window	75.00
337129	Gross	<b>Furniture Manufacturing</b> - cabinets, office, household, beds, medical, kitchen	100.00 + D
447110	Flat	<b>Gasoline Retail</b> - selling gasoline with or without convenience stores	100.00

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445111	Flat	<b>Grocery Wholesale</b>	100.00
446199	Flat	<b>Health Care Stores</b> - drug, pharmacy, cosmetic, optical, health food	75.00
444110	Gross	<b>Home Centers</b> - super home centers	100.00 + A
238910	Flat	<b>House Demolition</b> – demolish houses and sells old lumber, brick, etc	50.00
238990	Flat	<b>House Moving</b> – raising from one site, moving, and placing on a new foundation	50.00
514190	Flat	<b>Information Services</b> - all types of information services	75.00
524126	State Law	<b>Insurance Company</b> - casualty, fire, and/or marine premiums; contract bonding	11-51-120/123
524128	State Law	<b>Insurance Company</b> - health, allied & all other premiums	11-51-120/123
454393	Flat	<b>Itinerant Business</b>	500.00
561720	Flat	<b>Janitorial Firm</b> - janitorial cleaning services including carpet	50.00
561730	Flat	<b>Landscaping</b> - tree removal, irrigation sprinkler	100.00
561731	Flat	<b>Lawn Maintenance</b> - tree trimming, lawn maintenance, pressure washing	50.00
541990	Flat	<b>Lumber Dealers – Rough or Dressed</b>	50.00
333990	Gross	<b>Machinery Manufacturing</b> – office machinery, industrial, engines, farm, HVAC	100.00 + D
454113	Flat	<b>Mail Order Service</b>	75.00
551110	Flat	<b>Management Companies</b> - offices, enterprises, regional, corporate	100.00
332999	Gross	<b>Metal Fabrication</b> - cutlery, structural, ornamental, machine shops	100.00 + D
339999	Gross	<b>Miscellaneous Manufacturing</b> - specialty Manufacturing. not defined in separate categories	100.00 + B
453998	Flat	<b>Miscellaneous Retailers</b> - florist, gift, novelty, pet, art, tobacco, used mdse	50.00
722330	Flat	<b>Mobile food service</b> <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Health</b>	75.00
423990	Flat	<b>Monument Dealers</b>	75.00
512131	Flat	<b>Motion Pictures</b> - theatres, recording, drive-ins, sound studios	100.00
441310	Flat	<b>Motor Vehicle &amp; Parts</b> - auto, motorcycle, boat, parts & accessories	75.00
441311	Flat	<b>Motor Vehicles</b> - new and/or used -dealerships & lots <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Rev Dept - Regulatory License</b>	75.00
712190	Gross	<b>Museums</b> - museums & historical sites, zoos, botanical gardens, parks	C
812113	Flat	<b>Nail Salons</b>	50.00
327331	Gross	<b>Nonmetallic Manufacturing</b> - glass, cement, lime, pottery, ceramic, rock, tile	100.00 + D
454390	Flat	<b>Non-Store Retailers</b> - direct selling, per year	150.00
454392	Flat	<b>Non-Store Retailers</b> – temp vendors Concession stands – souvenir	150.00

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454391	Flat	<b>Non-Store Retailers</b> - temp vendors/commercial promoted special events per day	50.00
623110	Flat	<b>Nursing / Home Health Care</b>	50.00
623312	Gross	<b>Nursing Home</b> - care for elderly & continuing care facilities	D
211111	Flat	<b>Oil &amp; Gas Extraction</b> – Natural gas liquid extraction, crude extraction	100.00
621320	Flat	<b>Optometrist</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Optometry Board</b>	100.00
621498	Gross	<b>Outpatient Care Centers</b> - all other types of services	C
445310	Gross	<b>Package Stores</b> - Selling beer, wine and liquor plus general mdse. <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board)</b>	100.00 + D
485113	Gross	<b>Passenger Transportation</b> - charter & other vehicle transit services	B
485321	Units	<b>Passenger Transportation</b> - number of taxis, cabs, limousines, or buggies	J
485320	Gross	<b>Passenger Transportation</b> - taxi cabs, limousine service, buggy, charters	B
522298	Flat	<b>Pawn Shop</b> - whether title pawn or merchandise	100.00
324199	Gross	<b>Petroleum &amp; Coal Manufacturing.</b> – Asphalt, grease, roofing,& Paving products	100.00 + D
541921	Flat	<b>Photographer</b> - studios, portrait, commercial, services	75.00
621111	Flat	<b>Physician</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Medical Examiners Board</b>	100.00
326291	Gross	<b>Plastic &amp; Rubber Manufacturing.</b> – tires, pipe, hoses, belts, bottles, sheet, wrap, film	100.00 + D
331528	Gross	<b>Primary metal Manufacturing</b> – iron, steel, aluminum, wire, copper, foundries	100.00 + D
323112	Flat	<b>Printing</b> - screen, quick, digital, books, lithographic, handbills, comm.	75.00
561499	Flat	<b>Private Investigator – or any type investigator</b>	75.00
541980	Flat	<b>Professional – lab research</b>	50.00
511110	Flat	<b>Publishing Industries</b> - newspaper, book, periodical, databases, software	100.00
531390	Flat	<b>Real Estate – Offices, agents, brokers, management, appraisers</b>	100.00
532490	Gross	<b>Rental &amp; Leasing</b> - auto, truck, trailer, RV, all tangible property	100.00 + A
532230	Flat	<b>Rental &amp; Leasing</b> - movie & video rental	50.00
811412	Flat	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b> - all appliances, home & garden equipment	50.00
811219	Flat	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b> - all electronic equipment - computers	50.00
811118	Flat	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b> - auto, paint/body, other vehicular	50.00
999222	Flat	<b>Repo Dealer</b>	75.00
722110	Flat	<b>Restaurant</b> - full service restaurant facility <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Health</b>	100.00
722211	Flat	<b>Restaurant</b> - limited facility or service – Deli <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Health</b>	50.00

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522121	Flat	<b>S&amp;L Branch or ATM</b> - not main office of S&L	10.00
517410	Flat	<b>Satellite Sales / service and set up</b>	75.00
522120	Flat	<b>Savings &amp; Loans</b> - not branch location or ATM	125.00
523999	Flat	<b>Securities, Commodity</b> - brokerage, portfolio, investment, other <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Securities Commission</b>	150.00
811430	Flat	<b>Shoe Shop – Repair</b>	50.00
624229	Flat	<b>Social Assistance</b> - shelters, vocational, child care, abuse, emergency	100.00
312212	Flat	<b>Soft Drink Distributor</b>	61.00
711310	Flat	<b>Special Events</b> - promoter or activity - see schedule for rates	150.00
451120	Flat	<b>Sporting Goods &amp; Hobbies – Craft Shops</b>	75.00
541360	Flat	<b>Surveyor</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Engineers &amp; Land Surveyors Professional Licensure Board</b>	100.00
812115	Flat	<b>Tanning Salons – each additional Bed</b> <b>Must Also Purchase 812114</b>	12.00
812114	Flat	<b>Tanning Salons</b> <b>Must Also Purchase 812115</b>	50.00
513322	Gross	<b>Telecommunications</b> - cellular & other wireless, paging	K
513330	Gross	<b>Telecommunications</b> - resellers of service, retailer	100.00 + A
513310	State Law	<b>Telecommunications</b> - telephone local Office	100.00
513320	State Law	<b>Telecommunications</b> - telephone long distance per 11-51-128	K
336112	Gross	<b>Transportation Manufacturing – manufacturing, auto, truck, trailer, motor home, boat, ship</b>	100.00 + D
484122	Gross	<b>Truck Transportation</b> - local, long-distance, freight, moving & storage	C
453310	Flat	<b>Used Merchandise Stores</b> - books, miscellaneous, consignment, flea market	75.00
221122	Gross	<b>Utilities – Electric Power or light company – state regulated (3%)</b>	G
221210	Gross	<b>Utilities</b> - natural gas company - state regulated (3%)	G
221310	Gross	<b>Utilities</b> - water, sewage treatment, steam and other (3%)	G
541940	Flat	<b>Veterinarian</b> - individual and/or firm professional license <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Veterinary Medical Examiners Board</b>	75.00
493110	Flat	<b>Warehousing &amp; Storage</b> - distribution, household, refrigerated, special	75.00
562998	Flat	<b>Waste Management</b> - companies, trucks, septic tanks, landfill, services	75.00
421990	Gross	<b>Wholesale Trade</b> - durable, vehicle, machinery, equipment, furniture	125.00 + E
422990	Flat	<b>Wholesale Trade – non-durable, paper, apparel, grocery, beverages, dairy</b>	100.00
422720	Flat	<b>Wholesale Trade</b> - wholesale gasoline distributor	125.00

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312131	Flat	<b>Wine</b> - state regulated through ABC <b>Must Provide Board Certification: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board)</b>	H
488410	Flat	<b>Wrecker Services</b> - wreckers services	75.00



## Calculation Information

### Schedule "A" – If gross receipts are:

More Than	but	Less Than		
\$0		\$99,999	\$100	
\$100,000		\$199,999	\$125 + \$1.00 per M in excess of	\$100,000
\$200,000		\$299,999	\$175 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$200,000
\$300,000		\$399,999	\$200 + \$2.20 per M in excess of	\$300,000
\$400,000		\$499,999	\$300 + \$2.15 per M in excess of	\$400,000
\$500,000		\$599,999	\$400 + \$2.10 per M in excess of	\$500,000
\$600,000		\$699,999	\$500 + \$2.05 per M in excess of	\$600,000
\$700,000		\$799,999	\$600 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$700,000
\$800,000		\$899,999	\$700 + \$1.95 per M in excess of	\$800,000
\$900,000		\$999,999	\$800+ \$1.85 per M in excess of	\$900,000
\$1,000,000		\$1,099,999	\$900 + \$1.80 per M in excess of	\$1,000,000
\$1,100,000		\$1,199,999	\$1,000 + \$1.75 per M in excess of	\$1,100,000
\$1,200,000		\$1,299,999	\$1,100 + \$1.70 per M in excess of	\$1,200,000
\$1,300,000		\$1,399,999	\$1,200 + \$1.65 per M in excess of	\$1,300,000
\$1,400,000		\$1,499,999	\$1,300 + \$1.60 per M in excess of	\$1,400,000
\$1,500,000		\$1,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.55 per M in excess of	\$1,500,000
\$2,000,000		\$2,499,999	\$1,500 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,000,000
\$2,500,000		\$2,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,500,000
\$3,000,000		\$3,499,999	\$1,700 + \$1.45 per M in excess of	\$3,000,000
\$3,500,000		\$3,999,999	\$1,800 + \$1.40 per M in excess of	\$3,500,000
\$4,000,000		\$4,999,999	\$1,900 + \$1.35 per M in excess of	\$4,000,000
\$5,000,000		\$5,999,999	\$1,200 + \$1.30 per M in excess of	\$5,000,000
\$6,000,000		\$7,999,999	\$1,300 + \$1.25 per M in excess of	\$6,000,000
\$8,000,000		\$10,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.20 per M in excess of	\$8,000,000
\$11,000,000		\$13,999,999	\$1,500 + \$1.15 per M in excess of	\$11,000,000
\$14,000,000		\$57,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.10 per M in excess of	\$14,000,000
\$58,000,000		\$91,999,999	\$1,700 + \$1.05 per M in excess of	\$58,000,000
\$92,000,000		Over \$92 MM	\$1,800 + \$ 1.00 per M in excess of	\$92,000,000

**Schedule “B” – If gross receipts are:**

More Than	but	Less Than		
\$0		\$99,000	250.00	
\$100,000		\$199,999	\$275 + \$1.00 per M in excess of	\$100,000
\$200,000		\$299,999	\$300 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$200,000
\$300,000		\$399,999	\$400 + \$2.20 per M in excess of	\$300,000
\$400,000		\$499,999	\$500 + \$2.15 per M in excess of	\$400,000
\$500,000		\$599,999	\$600 + \$2.10 per M in excess of	\$500,000
\$600,000		\$699,999	\$700 + \$2.05 per M in excess of	\$600,000
\$700,000		\$799,999	\$800 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$700,000
\$800,000		\$899,999	\$900 + \$1.95 per M in excess of	\$800,000
\$900,000		\$999,999	\$1,000+ \$1.85 per M in excess of	\$900,000
\$1,000,000		\$1,099,999	\$1,200 + \$1.80 per M in excess of	\$1,000,000
\$1,100,000		\$1,199,999	\$1,300 + \$1.75 per M in excess of	\$1,100,000
\$1,200,000		\$1,299,999	\$1,400 + \$1.70 per M in excess of	\$1,200,000
\$1,300,000		\$1,399,999	\$1,500 + \$1.65 per M in excess of	\$1,300,000
\$1,400,000		\$1,499,999	\$1,600 + \$1.60 per M in excess of	\$1,400,000
\$1,500,000		\$1,999,999	\$1,700 + \$1.55 per M in excess of	\$1,500,000
\$2,000,000		\$2,499,999	\$1,800 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,000,000
\$2,500,000		\$2,999,999	\$1,900 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,500,000
\$3,000,000		\$3,499,999	\$2,000 + \$1.45 per M in excess of	\$3,000,000
\$3,500,000		\$3,999,999	\$2,100 + \$1.40 per M in excess of	\$3,500,000
\$4,000,000		\$4,999,999	\$2,200 + \$1.35 per M in excess of	\$4,000,000
\$5,000,000		\$5,999,999	\$2,300 + \$1.30 per M in excess of	\$5,000,000
\$6,000,000		\$7,999,999	\$2,400 + \$1.25 per M in excess of	\$6,000,000
\$8,000,000		\$10,999,999	\$2,500 + \$1.20 per M in excess of	\$8,000,000
\$11,000,000		\$13,999,999	\$2,600 + \$1.15 per M in excess of	\$11,000,000
\$14,000,000		\$57,999,999	\$2,700 + \$1.10 per M in excess of	\$14,000,000
\$58,000,000		\$91,999,999	\$2,800 + \$1.05 per M in excess of	\$58,000,000
\$92,000,000		Over \$92 MM	\$2,900+ \$ 1.00 per M in excess of	\$92,000,000

**Schedule “C” – If gross receipts are:**

More Than	but	Less Than		
\$0		\$99,999	\$150	
\$100,000		\$199,999	\$175 + \$1.00 per M in excess of	\$100,000
\$200,000		\$299,999	\$200 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$200,000
\$300,000		\$399,999	\$250 + \$2.20 per M in excess of	\$300,000
\$400,000		\$499,999	\$300 + \$2.15 per M in excess of	\$400,000
\$500,000		\$599,999	\$400 + \$2.10 per M in excess of	\$500,000
\$600,000		\$699,999	\$500 + \$2.05 per M in excess of	\$600,000
\$700,000		\$799,999	\$600 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$700,000
\$800,000		\$899,999	\$700 + \$1.95 per M in excess of	\$800,000
\$900,000		\$999,999	\$800+ \$1.85 per M in excess of	\$900,000
\$1,000,000		\$1,099,999	\$900 + \$1.80 per M in excess of	\$1,000,000
\$1,100,000		\$1,199,999	\$1,000 + \$1.75 per M in excess of	\$1,100,000
\$1,200,000		\$1,299,999	\$1,100 + \$1.70 per M in excess of	\$1,200,000
\$1,300,000		\$1,399,999	\$1,200 + \$1.65 per M in excess of	\$1,300,000
\$1,400,000		\$1,499,999	\$1,300 + \$1.60 per M in excess of	\$1,400,000
\$1,500,000		\$1,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.55 per M in excess of	\$1,500,000
\$2,000,000		\$2,499,999	\$1,500 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,000,000
\$2,500,000		\$2,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,500,000
\$3,000,000		\$3,499,999	\$1,700 + \$1.45 per M in excess of	\$3,000,000
\$3,500,000		\$3,999,999	\$1,800 + \$1.40 per M in excess of	\$3,500,000
\$4,000,000		\$4,999,999	\$1,900 + \$1.35 per M in excess of	\$4,000,000
\$5,000,000		\$5,999,999	\$1,200 + \$1.30 per M in excess of	\$5,000,000
\$6,000,000		\$7,999,999	\$1,300 + \$1.25 per M in excess of	\$6,000,000
\$8,000,000		\$10,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.20 per M in excess of	\$8,000,000
\$11,000,000		\$13,999,999	\$1,500 + \$1.15 per M in excess of	\$11,000,000
\$14,000,000		\$57,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.10 per M in excess of	\$14,000,000
\$58,000,000		\$91,999,999	\$1,700 + \$1.05 per M in excess of	\$58,000,000
\$92,000,000		Over \$92 MM	\$1,800 + \$ 1.00 per M in excess of	\$92,000,000

**Schedule “D” – If gross receipts are:**

More Than	but	Less Than		
\$0		\$99,999	\$100	
\$100,000		\$199,999	\$125 + \$1.00 per M in excess of	\$100,000
\$200,000		\$299,999	\$175 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$200,000
\$300,000		\$399,999	\$200 + \$2.20 per M in excess of	\$300,000
\$400,000		\$499,999	\$300 + \$2.15 per M in excess of	\$400,000
\$500,000		\$599,999	\$400 + \$2.10 per M in excess of	\$500,000
\$600,000		\$699,999	\$500 + \$2.05 per M in excess of	\$600,000
\$700,000		\$799,999	\$600 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$700,000
\$800,000		\$899,999	\$700 + \$1.95 per M in excess of	\$800,000
\$900,000		\$999,999	\$800+ \$1.85 per M in excess of	\$900,000
\$1,000,000		\$1,099,999	\$900 + \$1.80 per M in excess of	\$1,000,000
\$1,100,000		\$1,199,999	\$1,000 + \$1.75 per M in excess of	\$1,100,000
\$1,200,000		\$1,299,999	\$1,100 + \$1.70 per M in excess of	\$1,200,000
\$1,300,000		\$1,399,999	\$1,200 + \$1.65 per M in excess of	\$1,300,000
\$1,400,000		\$1,499,999	\$1,300 + \$1.60 per M in excess of	\$1,400,000
\$1,500,000		\$1,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.55 per M in excess of	\$1,500,000
\$2,000,000		\$2,499,999	\$1,500 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,000,000
\$2,500,000		\$2,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,500,000
\$3,000,000		\$3,499,999	\$1,700 + \$1.45 per M in excess of	\$3,000,000
\$3,500,000		\$3,999,999	\$1,800 + \$1.40 per M in excess of	\$3,500,000
\$4,000,000		\$4,999,999	\$1,900 + \$1.35 per M in excess of	\$4,000,000
\$5,000,000		\$5,999,999	\$1,200 + \$1.30 per M in excess of	\$5,000,000
\$6,000,000		\$7,999,999	\$1,300 + \$1.25 per M in excess of	\$6,000,000
\$8,000,000		\$10,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.20 per M in excess of	\$8,000,000
\$11,000,000		\$13,999,999	\$1,500 + \$1.15 per M in excess of	\$11,000,000
\$14,000,000		\$57,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.10 per M in excess of	\$14,000,000
\$58,000,000		\$91,999,999	\$1,700 + \$1.05 per M in excess of	\$58,000,000
\$92,000,000		Over \$92 MM	\$1,800 + \$ 1.00 per M in excess of	\$92,000,000

**Schedule “E” – If gross receipts are:**

More Than	but	Less Than		
\$0		\$99,999	\$125	
\$100,000		\$199,999	\$150 + \$1.00 per M in excess of	\$100,000
\$200,000		\$299,999	\$175 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$200,000
\$300,000		\$399,999	\$200 + \$2.20 per M in excess of	\$300,000
\$400,000		\$499,999	\$300 + \$2.15 per M in excess of	\$400,000
\$500,000		\$599,999	\$400 + \$2.10 per M in excess of	\$500,000
\$600,000		\$699,999	\$500 + \$2.05 per M in excess of	\$600,000
\$700,000		\$799,999	\$600 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$700,000
\$800,000		\$899,999	\$700 + \$1.95 per M in excess of	\$800,000
\$900,000		\$999,999	\$800+ \$1.85 per M in excess of	\$900,000
\$1,000,000		\$1,099,999	\$900 + \$1.80 per M in excess of	\$1,000,000
\$1,100,000		\$1,199,999	\$1,000 + \$1.75 per M in excess of	\$1,100,000
\$1,200,000		\$1,299,999	\$1,100 + \$1.70 per M in excess of	\$1,200,000
\$1,300,000		\$1,399,999	\$1,200 + \$1.65 per M in excess of	\$1,300,000
\$1,400,000		\$1,499,999	\$1,300 + \$1.60 per M in excess of	\$1,400,000
\$1,500,000		\$1,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.55 per M in excess of	\$1,500,000
\$2,000,000		\$2,499,999	\$1,500 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,000,000
\$2,500,000		\$2,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,500,000
\$3,000,000		\$3,499,999	\$1,700 + \$1.45 per M in excess of	\$3,000,000
\$3,500,000		\$3,999,999	\$1,800 + \$1.40 per M in excess of	\$3,500,000
\$4,000,000		\$4,999,999	\$1,900 + \$1.35 per M in excess of	\$4,000,000
\$5,000,000		\$5,999,999	\$1,200 + \$1.30 per M in excess of	\$5,000,000
\$6,000,000		\$7,999,999	\$1,300 + \$1.25 per M in excess of	\$6,000,000
\$8,000,000		\$10,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.20 per M in excess of	\$8,000,000
\$11,000,000		\$13,999,999	\$1,500 + \$1.15 per M in excess of	\$11,000,000
\$14,000,000		\$57,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.10 per M in excess of	\$14,000,000
\$58,000,000		\$91,999,999	\$1,700 + \$1.05 per M in excess of	\$58,000,000
\$92,000,000		Over \$92 MM	\$1,800 + \$ 1.00 per M in excess of	\$92,000,000

**Schedule “F” – If gross receipts are:**

More Than	but	Less Than		
\$0		\$99,999	\$100	
\$100,000		\$199,999	\$125 + \$1.00 per M in excess of	\$100,000
\$200,000		\$299,999	\$175 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$200,000
\$300,000		\$399,999	\$200 + \$2.20 per M in excess of	\$300,000
\$400,000		\$499,999	\$300 + \$2.15 per M in excess of	\$400,000
\$500,000		\$599,999	\$400 + \$2.10 per M in excess of	\$500,000
\$600,000		\$699,999	\$500 + \$2.05 per M in excess of	\$600,000
\$700,000		\$799,999	\$600 + \$2.00 per M in excess of	\$700,000
\$800,000		\$899,999	\$700 + \$1.95 per M in excess of	\$800,000
\$900,000		\$999,999	\$800+ \$1.85 per M in excess of	\$900,000
\$1,000,000		\$1,099,999	\$900 + \$1.80 per M in excess of	\$1,000,000
\$1,100,000		\$1,199,999	\$1,000 + \$1.75 per M in excess of	\$1,100,000
\$1,200,000		\$1,299,999	\$1,100 + \$1.70 per M in excess of	\$1,200,000
\$1,300,000		\$1,399,999	\$1,200 + \$1.65 per M in excess of	\$1,300,000
\$1,400,000		\$1,499,999	\$1,300 + \$1.60 per M in excess of	\$1,400,000
\$1,500,000		\$1,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.55 per M in excess of	\$1,500,000
\$2,000,000		\$2,499,999	\$1,500 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,000,000
\$2,500,000		\$2,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.50 per M in excess of	\$2,500,000
\$3,000,000		\$3,499,999	\$1,700 + \$1.45 per M in excess of	\$3,000,000
\$3,500,000		\$3,999,999	\$1,800 + \$1.40 per M in excess of	\$3,500,000
\$4,000,000		\$4,999,999	\$1,900 + \$1.35 per M in excess of	\$4,000,000
\$5,000,000		\$5,999,999	\$1,200 + \$1.30 per M in excess of	\$5,000,000
\$6,000,000		\$7,999,999	\$1,300 + \$1.25 per M in excess of	\$6,000,000
\$8,000,000		\$10,999,999	\$1,400 + \$1.20 per M in excess of	\$8,000,000
\$11,000,000		\$13,999,999	\$1,500 + \$1.15 per M in excess of	\$11,000,000
\$14,000,000		\$57,999,999	\$1,600 + \$1.10 per M in excess of	\$14,000,000
\$58,000,000		\$91,999,999	\$1,700 + \$1.05 per M in excess of	\$58,000,000
\$92,000,000		Over \$92 MM	\$1,800 + \$ 1.00 per M in excess of	\$92,000,000

## Schedule “G” - Utilities

For selling or distributing electrical current, water, or natural gas, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the gross receipts of the business transacted in the Town or its police jurisdiction for the previous year for the sale or distribution of electrical current, water, or natural gas from any point in or into the Town or its police jurisdiction.

## Schedule “H” – Beer, Wine & Liquor

<u>State of Alabama Code</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Licensing Notes</u>
040 (Beer On/Off Premises)	312121	\$75.00	Set by State Code 63.0
050 (Beer Off Premise Only)	312122	\$50.00	Set by State Code 63.0
060 (Table Wine On/Off Premises)	312131	\$75.00	
070 (Table Wine Off Premises Only)	312131	\$75.00	
010 (Lounge Retail Liquor Class I)	312121	\$75.00	All three codes are part of the package plus the business license code
	312141.10	\$650.00	
	312131	\$75.00	
011 (Package Store Liquor Class II)	312122	\$75.00	All three codes are part of the package plus the business license code.
	312141.11	\$650.00	
	312131	\$75.00	
020 (Restaurant Retail Liquor)	312121	\$75.00	All three codes are part of the package plus the business license code.
	312141.20	\$650.00	
	312131	\$75.00	
032 (Club Liquor Class II)	312121	\$75.00	All three codes are part of the package plus the business license code.
	312141.32	\$650.00	
	312131	\$75.00	
110 (Wholesale Table Wine & Beer)	312132	\$375.00	Distributors License
(Wholesale Beer)	312132.01	\$275.00	Distributors License
(Wholesale Table Wine)	312132.02	\$275.00	Distributors License

## Schedule "I" Peddlers and Itinerant Dealers

Selling door-to-door or store-to-store:

A. Per one	\$ 50.00
C. Per year	\$150.00

Any license issued under this subsection is issued subject to the approval and restrictions of the Police Department and is subject to revocation with cause without recourse. Peddlers and itinerant dealers must have written permission from the owner or operator of businesses to sell from their private parking lots or from any portion of public right-of-way in front of such businesses.

## Schedule "J" Taxi Cabs & Limousines

In addition to the license thereto, there shall be a decal affixed to each taxi cab or limousine. The cost of said decal shall be according to the following table:

A. One (1) taxi cab or limousine	\$50.00 per vehicle
B. All taxi cabs or limousines over one (1)	\$25.00 per vehicle

## Schedule "K" – Telephones & Telecommunications

- A. Each person operating a telephone exchange in the Town and/or a long distance telephone service in the Town shall pay a license tax on a per capita basis as set forth in Section 11-51-128, *Code of Alabama 1975*.
- B. Each person engaged in the business of transmitting television, telecommunications or informational service signals by wires or cable in the Town, or installing wires or other facilities for such purposes where the wires or facilities do not use, cross or otherwise occupy any portion of the public rights-of-way shall be defined as a **service provider**, and shall pay an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the gross revenue of the business transacted by such person in the Town or its police jurisdiction for the preceding year.
- C. Each person engaged in the business of transmitting television, telecommunications or informational service signals by wires or cable in the Town, or installing wires or other facilities for such purpose where the wires or facilities use, cross or otherwise occupy any portion of the public rights-of-way shall be defined as a **system owner**, and shall pay \$100 per year in addition to any franchise fees separately owed and paid as rent for the use of the public rights-of-way by such person in the Town or its police jurisdiction for the preceding year.
- D. Each person who owns a wire line system that uses, crosses or otherwise occupies any portion of the public rights-of-way, but derives no revenue from the system within the city, shall be defined as a **transporter of services** and shall pay a fee of \$3.00 per foot per year for each foot of facilities that occupies, uses or crosses any portion of the public rights-of-way.

## Schedule "L" Special Events Licenses

*Ordinance or Resolutions Apply \$150.00*

## Schedule "M" Fortune Tellers

Annual license rate is \$1,000.00 and rate is reduced by \$25.00 each year until such time as the annual rate reaches \$500.00 and that becomes the minimum rate thereafter.



## **Schedule “N” Vending Machines**

In addition to the license thereto, there shall be an additional charge for each machine. The cost of each machine shall be according to the following table:

1-5 machines vending any type merchandise or product	\$20.00 per machine
5-10 machines vending any type merchandise or product	\$10.00 per machine
All over 10 machines vending any type merchandise or product	\$ 5.00 per machine

## **Schedule “O” Billiard and/or Pool Tables**

In addition to the license thereto, there shall be an additional charge per table. The cost of each table shall be according to the following table:

1-2 billiard or pool tables	\$50.00 per table
All over 2 billiard or pool tables	\$25.00 per table

## **Schedule “P” Amusement Devices**

In addition to the license thereto, there shall be an additional charge for each machine. The cost of each machine shall be according to the following table:

1-10 machines	\$25.00 per machine
All over 10 machines	\$10.00 per machine

## **Schedule “Q” Buses, Trucks, & Other Equipment**

In addition to the license thereto, there shall be an additional charge for each piece of equipment and the cost shall be according to the following table:

1-2 buses, trucks, or other equipment	\$50.00 each
3-5 buses, trucks, or other equipment	\$25.00 each
All over 5 buses, trucks, or other equipment	\$10.00 each

### **Schedule “R” – Number of Employees**

R-1	Where personnel are from 1 to 2 people .....	\$100.00
R-2	Where personnel are from 3 to 5 people .....	\$250.00
R-3	Where personnel are from 6 to 10 people .....	\$400.00
R-4	Where personnel are from 11 to 20 people .....	\$550.00
R-5	Where personnel are from 21 to 50 people .....	\$700.00
R-6	Where personnel are from 51 to 75 people .....	\$850.00
R-7	Where personnel are from 76 to 100 people .....	\$1,000.00
R-8	Personnel over 100 to be \$1,000 + \$50.00 per person over 100.	

### **Schedule “S” – Square Feet**

S-1	From zero to 5,000 Square Feet .....	\$100.00
S-2	From 5,000 to 10,000 Square Feet .....	\$200.00
S-3	From 10,000 to 20,000 Square Feet .....	\$300.00
S-4	From 20,000 to 30,000 Square Feet .....	\$400.00
S-5	From 30,000 to 40,000 Square Feet .....	\$500.00
S-6	From 40,000 to 50,000 Square Feet .....	\$600.00
S-7	From 50,000 to 60,000 Square Feet .....	\$700.00
S-8	From 60,000 to 70,000 Square Feet .....	\$800.00
S-9	From 70,000 to 80,000 Square Feet .....	\$900.00
S-10	From 80,000 to 90,000 Square Feet .....	\$1,000.00
S-11	From 90,000 to 100,000 Square Feet.....	\$1,200.00
S-16	From 100,000 up – \$1,200.00 plus \$.01 per square foot over 100,000	

### **Schedule “T”**

Itinerant businesses operating within the jurisdiction but located outside the jurisdiction shall pay the itinerant rate for a business license and that rate shall be \$500.00.

### **Schedule “U” – Banks/Savings & Loans**

Bank ATM Location	\$ 10.00
Bank Branch Location	\$ 10.00
Bank Main Office Facility	\$ 125.00
Savings & Loan ATM Location	\$ 10.00
Savings & Loan Branch Location	\$ 10.00
Savings & Loan Mail Office Facility	\$ 125.00

## Schedule "V" - Delivery License

The rate for the delivery license is established in Section 21 and is:

\$ 100.00

**Delivery License** per §11-51-194 Modified by 2017-415 (SB316)

(a) (1) Each municipality shall allow the purchase of a delivery license by any business that has no other physical presence within the municipality or its police jurisdiction for the privilege of delivering its merchandise therein. The amount of the delivery license shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100). Nothing herein shall prohibit a municipality from requiring by ordinance the purchase of a decal by the taxpayer for each delivery vehicle making deliveries within the municipality or its police jurisdiction. The charge for such decal shall not exceed the municipality's actual cost of the decal.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a municipality may charge a taxpayer an issuance fee for a business delivery license not to exceed ten dollars (\$10).

(b) As used in this section, a delivery license shall mean a fixed rate business license issued by a municipality for the limited privilege of delivering and requisite set-up and installation, by the taxpayer's employees or agents, of the taxpayer's own merchandise in that municipality, by means of delivery vehicles owned, leased, or contracted by the taxpayer; provided that the gross receipts derived from the sale and any requisite set-up or installation of all merchandise so delivered into the municipality shall not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) during the license year, and any set-up or installation shall relate only to

- (1) that required by the contract between the taxpayer and the customer or as may be required by state or local law, and
- (2) the merchandise so delivered.

Mere delivery of the taxpayer's merchandise by common carrier shall not allow the taxing jurisdiction to assess a business license tax or a delivery license tax against the taxpayer, but the gross receipts derived from any sale and delivery accomplished by means of a common carrier shall be counted against the seventy-five thousand dollar (\$75,000) limitation described in the preceding sentence if the taxpayer also during the same license year sells and delivers into the taxing jurisdiction using a delivery vehicle other than a common carrier. Provided that the dollar limitation prescribed above shall be increased, but not decreased, every five years under the standards prescribed by Section 11-51-90 with respect to the uniform license issuance fee and may be increased by a municipality at any time, up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), by adoption of an ordinance. A common carrier, contract carrier, or similar delivery service making deliveries on behalf of others shall not be entitled to purchase a delivery license hereunder.

(c) A taxpayer that otherwise meets the criteria for the purchase of a delivery license pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) is not required to purchase a delivery license or a regular business license if the following criteria apply:

- 1) The taxpayer's gross receipts that are derived from within the municipality or its police jurisdiction do not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the year; and
- (2) the taxpayer has no other physical presence within the municipality or its police jurisdiction during the year.

Any other taxpayer that meets the criteria for the purchase of a delivery license, as provided in subsections (a) and (b), and meets those criteria during the current license year as well, shall purchase either a delivery license or a regular business license otherwise applicable to the taxpayer, at its option.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 11-51-90.2, the delivery license shall be calculated in arrears, based on the related gross receipts during the preceding license year.

(e) The purchase of a delivery license or the exemption from the purchase of a delivery license pursuant to subsection (c) shall not, in and of itself, establish nexus between the taxpayer and the municipality for purposes of the taxes levied by or under the authority of Title 40 or other provisions of this title, nor does the purchase of a delivery license, in and of itself, establish that nexus does not exist between the taxpayer and the municipality.

(f) If at any time during the current license year the taxpayer fails to meet the criteria specified in subsections (a) and (b), then within 45 days after any of the criteria have been violated or exceeded, the taxpayer shall purchase a business delivery license or other appropriate license from the municipality and may be subject to a penalty not to exceed ten dollars (\$10).

# Appendix

## Certification Requirements

All municipalities are required to obtain a copy of each individual/entity's board certifications and/or permits prior to issuance of a municipal business license. For a list of types of licenses that require board certification, [please visit our website here](#). Please provide a copy of your certification/permit along with your application (if applicable).

Issuance of a business license by RDS does not permit business operation unless the business is properly zoned and/or in compliance with all applicable laws/rules and meet all required certifications.

## Gross Receipts, Definition of

If the business is physically located in the incorporated city limits or police jurisdiction, the business must report ALL gross receipts for the business conducted in the State of Alabama. They can deduct out-of-state sales. If the business is a service-based business and not physically located in the incorporated city limits or police jurisdiction then they must report the gross receipts for that jurisdiction only.

The measure of any and all receipts of a business from whatever source derived, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable laws and constitutional provisions, is to be used in calculating the amount due for a business license. Provided, however, that:

A. Gross receipts shall not include any of the following taxes collected by the business on behalf of any taxing jurisdiction or the federal government: All taxes which are imposed on the ultimate consumer, collected by the taxpayer and remitted by or on behalf of the taxpayer to the taxing authority, whether state, local or federal, including utility gross receipts levied pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 21, Title 40; license taxes levied pursuant to Article 2, Chapter 21, Title 40; or reimbursements to professional employer organizations of federal, state or local payroll taxes or unemployment insurance contributions; but no other deductions or exclusions from gross receipts shall be allowed except as provided in this article.

B. A different basis for calculating the business license may be used by the municipality with respect to certain categories of taxpayers as prescribed in Section 11-51-90B.

C. For a utility or other entity described in Section 11-51-129, gross receipts shall be limited to the gross receipts derived from the retail furnishing of utility services within the municipality during the preceding year that are taxed under Article 3 of Chapter 21 of Title 40, except that nothing herein shall affect any existing contract or agreement between a municipality and a utility or other entity. The gross receipts derived from the furnishing of utility services shall not be subject to further business license taxation by the municipality.

D. Gross receipts shall not include dividends or other distributions received by a corporation, or proceeds from borrowing, the sale of a capital asset, the repayment of the principal portion of a loan, the issuance of stock or other equity investments, or capital contributions, or the undistributed earnings of subsidiary entities.

## Location Specific, Definition

The up-to-date physical location must be provided on all renewals in order to prevent delays in the issuance of the license.

- a. For each place at which any business is carried on, a separate license shall be paid, and any person desiring to engage in any business for which a license is required shall designate the place at which business is carried on, and the license to be issued shall designate such place, and such license shall authorize the carrying on of such business only at the place designated.
- b. Every person dealing in two or more of the articles, or engaging in two or more of the businesses, vocations, occupations or professions scheduled herein, shall take out and pay for a license for each line of business.
- c. A taxpayer subject to the license authorized by this ordinance that is engaged in business in other municipalities, may account for its gross receipts so that the part of its gross receipts attributable to its branch offices will not be subject to the business license imposed by this ordinance. To establish a bona fide branch office, the taxpayer must demonstrate proof of all following criteria:
  - (i) The taxpayer must demonstrate the continuing existence of an actual facility located outside the police jurisdiction in which its principal business office is located, such as a retail store, outlet, business office, showroom, or warehouse, to which employees and/or independent contractors are assigned or located during regular normal working hours.
  - (ii) The taxpayer must maintain books and records, which reasonably indicate a segregation or allocation of the taxpayer's gross receipts to the particular facility of facilities.
  - (iii) The taxpayer must provide proof that separate telephone listings, signs, and other indications of its separate activity are in existence.
  - (iv) Billing and/or collection activities relating to the business conducted at the branch office or offices are performed by an employee or other representative, of the taxpayer who has such responsibility for the branch office.
  - (v) All business claimed by a branch office or offices must be conducted by and through said office or offices.
  - (vi) The taxpayer must supply proof that all applicable business licenses with respect to the branch office or offices have been issued.
- d. Nothing herein shall be construed as exempting businesses from payment of a license on the basis of a lack of physical location.

## New Business Information

Every person who commences business on or after July 1st may pay one-half (1/2) the annual license for such business for that calendar year.

**New Business Penalty:** In the case of persons who began business on or after the first day of the calendar year, the license fee for such "new business" shall be increased by fifteen (15%) percent for the first fifteen (15) days they shall be delinquent, and shall be measured by an additional fifteen (15%) percent for a delinquency of forty-five (45) days or more.

## **Police Jurisdiction (PJ), Definition and Rate of**

The area outside the incorporated municipality limits. Businesses located in the police jurisdiction are subject to purchase a business license per the municipality's ordinance at one half the normal rates. Those businesses located in this area may receive, but are not limited to, police, fire, safety, water, sewer, public health, safety, and protection from the municipality.

## **Penalty and Interest, Rate of**

Failure to purchase a license can be punishable by a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). All licenses not paid within thirty (30) days from the date they fall due (January 1<sup>st</sup>) will increase by a 15% penalty due February 1<sup>st</sup> plus 1% interest. An additional 15% penalty will be due March 2<sup>nd</sup> plus 1% interest per month thereafter.

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## **Posting of License**

Every license shall be posted in a conspicuous place, where said business, trade or occupation is carried on, and the holder of the license shall immediately show same to the designee of the municipality upon being requested so to do.

## **Transfer of License information**

No license shall be transferred except with the consent of the council or other governing body of the municipality or of the director of finance or other chief revenue officer or his or her designee, and no license shall be transferred to reflect a physical change of address of the taxpayer within the municipality more than once during a license year and never from one taxpayer to another. Provided that a mere change in the name or ownership of a taxpayer that is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other form of legal entity now or hereafter recognized by the laws of Alabama shall not constitute a transfer for purposes of this chapter, unless (1) the change requires the taxpayer to obtain a new federal employer identification number or Department of Revenue taxpayer identification number or (2), in the discretion of the municipality, the subject license is one for the sale of alcoholic beverages. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a municipality from requiring a new business license application and approval for an alcoholic beverage license.

## **Type of License**

Gross-based licenses require the gross receipts to be provided. See Gross Receipts definition for more information. Unit-based licenses require the number of units (employees, vehicles, rooms, agents, days, etc.) to be provided. Flat-based fees have the rates indicated. Failure to provide the required information will delay the issuance of the license.

## **Zoning**

If a business intends to maintain a physical location within the municipality, there are normally zoning and building code approvals required prior to the issuance of a license. In certain instances, a business may simply be required to register with the municipality to create a mechanism for the reporting and payment of any tax liabilities. Contact the municipality for any zoning, building code and/or tax liability requirements. The completion and submission of the form does not guarantee the approval or subsequent issuance of a license to do business. Any prerequisites for a particular type and location of the business must be satisfied prior to licensing.

## **Questions?**

All questions regarding the business license renewal process should be directed to RDS.

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