

Town of Douglas (9646)
Business License Fee Schedule
including General Information/FAQs



**Thank you for doing business in
the Town of Douglas.**

All businesses operating in the city limits or police jurisdiction of the Town of Douglas 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.
- 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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**Important facts to know when
completing your business license:**

License Due Date: Renew annually on January 1st.

License Delinquent Date: Licenses are considered delinquent after January 31st.

License Expiration: All licenses (except temporary licenses) expire December 31st.

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
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Se habla español.



Email: bizlicensesupport@revds.com
Website: 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	Gross	Accommodations – bed and breakfast inns and services	D
721110	Gross	Accommodations – hotels, motels and similar facilities	C
721310	Gross	Accommodations – rooming houses and boarding houses	E
721214	Gross	Accommodations – trailer parks, RV parks, and travel parks	E
541211	Gross	Accountant/CPAs – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Public Accountancy Board	A
926__		Administration of Economic programs	
924__		Administration of Environmental Quality Programs	
925__		Administration of housing, urban, comm..	
923__		Administration of human resource programs	
561499	Gross	Administrative services – answering, employment, office, sec., travel	C
524210	Gross	Agent Office – administration of third parties, pension funds, annuities, etc	B
115114	Gross	Agriculture support – cotton gins, farm management, post-harvest activities	F
481111	Gross	Air transportation – airline tickets, shipping, freight, charters service	B
621910	Gross	Ambulance – ambulance company and/or services Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama EMSP Licensure	D
713110	Gross	Amusement – arcades, golf clubs, marinas, fitness, bowling centers	B
112990	Gross	Animal Production – dairy, cattle, ranching, sheep, chickens, poultry	F
315999	Gross	Apparel manufacturing – women, men, children, hosiery, lingerie outerwear, accessories	D
335211	Gross	Appliance manufacturing – small appliance, lighting, electrical, battery, freezer	C
531212	Gross	Appraiser-Surveyor Must Provide Board Certification: Engineers & Land Surveyors Professional Licensure Board	B
541310	Gross	Architect – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Architects Registration Board	A
711310	Gross	Arts and sports – dance, musical, teams, tracks, promoters, agents	B
541110	Gross	Attorney/Lawyers – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama State Bar	A
522299	Gross	Bail Bonding – company Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Security Commission	R
522110	Gross	Bank Main Office – not branch location or ATM	I
312212	Gross	Beverage manufacturing – all types of soft drinks, bottled water, breweries, ice	E
444130	Gross	Building materials and gardening equipment dealers – hardware, paint, home center, wallpaper, nursery	C
910003	Gross	Category for number of – amusement devices and/or games	A
920005		Category for number of – employees as a basis for calculating license	N/A

Internal No.	Type	Classification/Business Description including Certification information	Calculation Information See Schedule
910002		Category for number of – pool tables	BANNED
930006		Category for number of – square feet used for calculating license amount	N/A
910001		Category for number of – vending machines for all types vending	Q
722410	Gross	Caterers – and/or mobile food services Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Health Permit	C
325998	Gross	Chemical manufacturing – of fertilizer, wood, pesticide, paint, soap, and resin	C
541311	Flat	Chiropractor – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Chiropractic Examiners Board	G
448130	Gross	Clothing & accessories – men, women, children, infant, shoe, jewelry	B
334419	Gross	Computer & electronic manufacturing – audio, video, circuit boards, peripherals	C
541511	Gross	Computer Programmer – individual and/or professional firm license	A
236221	Gross	Contractors – <u>general contractors</u> – itinerant not local Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors/Home Builders Licensure Board	E
236220	Gross	Contractors – <u>general contractors</u> , comm. bldg, residential, subdivisions Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors/Home Builders Licensure Board	E
237991	Gross	Contractors – <u>heavy construction</u> – itinerant not local Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors/Home Builders Licensure Board	E
237990	Gross	Contractors – <u>heavy construction</u> , highway, bridge, street, water, sewer Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors/Home Builders Licensure Board	D
237990.01	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – building equipment & mechanical install	E
238340	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – carpentry contractors	E
238110	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – concrete contractors	E
238310	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – drywall, acoustical & insulation	E
238210	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – electrical contractors Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Electrical Contractors Board	E
238910	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – excavation and site development	E
238330	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – floor coverings/all types	E
238150	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – glass and glazing contractors	E
238140	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – masonry and stone contractors	E
238320.01	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – painting and wall covering	E
238320	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – plumbing Must Provide Board Certification: State of Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board\	E
238320.02	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> –heating & air conditioning Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Board of Heating & Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Contractors	E
238160	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – roofing, siding & sheet metal	E

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238120	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – structural steel erection	E
238430	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – tile, marble, terrazzo & mosaic	E
238115	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – water well drilling & irrigation	E
238910.01	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trade</u> – wrecking and demolition	E
238221	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trades contractors</u> – itinerant not local	E
238130	Gross	Contractors – <u>specialty trades contractors</u> - non-general & non-heavy	D
492110	Gross	Couriers – couriers and local messengers, services, local delivery services	C
522390	Gross	Credit services – companies and activities related to credit and mediation	B
999999	Gross	Delivery - Business Located Inside City Limits	V
999999.01	Gross	Delivery - Business Located Outside City Limits	V
541210	Flat	Dentist – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama	G
611699	Gross	Educational services – technical, computer, sports, services, business	D
443112	Gross	Electronic & appliance store – household, radio, television, computers	B
541330	Gross	Engineer – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Engineers & Land Surveyors Professional Licensure Board	A
561550	Gross	Exterminating services – exterminating company and its services Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Agriculture and Industries	E
111998	Gross	Farming and Crop Production – agriculture, crop production, nursery, fruit, growers	F
114119	Gross	Fishing & hunting – hunting and trapping, finfish, shellfish, supplies	E
445120	Gross	Food & beverage stores – grocery, convenience store, markets	F
311991	Gross	Food manufacturing – meat, seafood, grain, fruit, dairy, animal, poultry processing	F
113110	Gross	Forestry – logging, forestry, timber track operations, timber mgt	D
812199.01	Flat	Fortune Teller or Clairvoyant – individual reader license	P
525990	Gross	Funds, trusts, other financial agencies – Funds, plans, and/or programs organized to pool securities or other assets for others, other than the Alabama Municipal Funding Corp	A
442110	Gross	Furniture – furniture, home furnishings, stores, floor coverings, window	C
337129	Gross	Furniture manufacturing – cabinets, office, household, beds, kitchen	C
447110	Gross	Gasoline Retail - selling gasoline with or without convenience stores	E
452990	Gross	General merchandise stores – department, warehouse clubs, superstores	C
446110	Gross	Health and personal care stores – drug, pharmacy, cosmetic, optical, home center, wallpaper, nursery	C
621491	Gross	HMO – medical centers and services	B

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622110	Gross	Hospitals – surgical, substance abuse, psychiatric, general care, special	C
519190	Gross	Information services and data processing – providing, storing, processing, access to information	A
524126	State Law	Insurance Company and/or its agents – casualty, fire, and/or marine premiums	11-51-120/123
524128	State Law	Insurance Company and/or its agents – health, allied and all other premiums	11-51-120/123
561575	Gross	Janitorial firm -janitorial cleaning services-individual or firm	F
316993	Gross	Leather and allied products manufacturing – shoes, luggage, handbag, related products, all footwear	D
333990	Gross	Machinery manufacturing – office machinery, industrial, engines, farm, HVAC	C
551990	Gross	Management companies – offices, enterprises, regional, corporate	B
332999	Gross	Metal fabrication – cutlery, structural, ornamental, machine shops	D
212299	Gross	Mining - (except for oil and gas) all related mining activities	C
213112	Gross	Mining support services – for oil and gas mining activities, oil/gas wells	C
339999	Gross	Miscellaneous manufacturing – Misc. Manufacturing, medical, dental, jewelry, sporting goods, toys, signs, all other.	B
453220	Gross	Miscellaneous retailers – florist, gift, novelty, pet, art, and tobacco	B
512131	Gross	Motion pictures – theatres, videos, recording, drive-ins, sound studios	A
441310	Gross	Motor vehicle parts and accessories – auto, motorcycles, boats, parts and accessories	C
441110	Gross	Motor vehicles - new and/or used automobiles, motorcycles, boats, etc – dealerships and lots Must Provide Board Certification: Revenue Department - Regulatory License	D
712110	Gross	Museums – museums and historical sites, zoos, botanical gardens, parks	C
327331	Gross	Nonmetallic manufacturing – clay, glass, cement, lime, pottery, ceramic, brick, tile	C
454392	Gross	Non-Store Retailer – peddlers license / itinerant peddler	K
454391	Gross	Non-Store Retailer – peddlers license / local peddler	K
454210	Gross	Non-store retailers – vending machine operators, direct selling, mail order	D
623110	Gross	Nursing care – residential care facility, day care, assisted living	C
623312	Gross	Nursing Home – care for elderly and continuing care facilities Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators	D
211111	Gross	Oil and gas extraction – natural gas liquid extraction, crude extraction	C
541320	Flat	Optometrist – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Optometry Board	G
314129	Gross	Other manufacturing – mill operations not covered in 313, rugs, linen, curtains	E
621498	Gross	Outpatient Care Centers – all other types of services	C
322229	Gross	Paper manufacturing – pulp, paper, and converted products, stationary, tubes, cores	E

Internal No.	Type	Classification/Business Description including Certification information	Calculation Information See Schedule
485114	State Law	Passenger transportation – bus terminals state regulated	37-3-33
485320	Units	Passenger transportation – buses, taxi cabs, limousine service, buggy, charters	L
485113	Gross	Passenger transportation – charter and other vehicle transit services	B
485321	Units	Passenger transportation – number of buses, taxis, cabs, limousines, or buggies	L
522298	Gross	Pawn Shop – whether title pawn or merchandise	A
812199	Gross	Personal Services – hair, barber, beautician Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering	B
812199.02	Gross	Personal Services – skin, diet, nail, tanning,	B
812199.03	Gross	Personal Services – funerals Must Provide Board Certification: Board of Funeral Services	B
324199	Gross	Petroleum and coal manufacturing – asphalt, grease, roofing, paving products	C
541921	Gross	Photographer – studios, portrait, commercial, services	A
541111	Flat	Physician – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners & Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama	G
326291	Gross	Plastic & rubber manufacturing – tires, pipe, hoses, belts, bottles, sheet, wrap, film	D
331521	Gross	Primary metal manufacturing – iron, steel, aluminum, wire, copper, foundries	C
323110	Gross	Printing – screen, quick, digital, books, lithographic, handbills, comm.	D
541990	Gross	Professional Services Not Elsewhere Classified – scientific, technical	A
511110	Gross	Publishing industries except internet – newspaper, book, periodical, databases, software	B
482110	State Law	Rail transportation – transportation, ticket offices, state regulated	11-51-124
531210	Flat	Real estate – offices, agents, brokers, management, appraisers	H
532310	Gross	Rental and leasing – auto, truck, trailer, RV, all tangible property	C
532230	Gross	Rental and leasing – movie and video rental	D
811412	Gross	Repairs and maintenance – all appliances, home & garden equipment	D
811219	Gross	Repairs and maintenance – all electronic equipment	B
811118	Gross	Repairs and maintenance – auto, paint/body, carwash, other vehicular	C
722212	Gross	Restaurant – full service restaurant facility Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Health Permit	D
722211	Gross	Restaurant – limited facility or service Must Provide Board Certification: Department of Health Permit	D
522121	Flat	S&L Branch or ATM – not main office of S&L	I
522120	Flat	Savings and Loans – not branch location or ATM	I
523999	Gross	Securities, commodity – brokerage, portfolio, investment, other financial services Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Electronic Security Board of	A

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		Licensure	
487990	Gross	Sightseeing transportation – scenic and sightseeing, land, air, water, special trans	A
624110	Gross	Social assistance – shelters, vocational, child care, abuse, emergency	E
927____		Space, research, and technology	
711310.01	Flat	Special Events – promoter or activity – see schedule for rates	O
451110	Gross	Sporting goods & hobbies – toy, fish, gun, books, games	B
541360	Gross	Surveyor – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Engineers & Land Surveyors Professional Licensure Board	B
517310	State Law	Telecommunications – telephone local	11-51-128
517320	State Law	Telecommunications – telephone long distance	11-51-128
313112	Gross	Textile manufacturing – fabric, yarn, carpet, canvas, rope, twine, fabric mills	E
336112	Gross	Transportation manufacturing – manufacturing auto, truck, trailer, motor home, boat, ship and motorcycle	D
484110	Gross	Truck transportation – local, long-distance, freight, moving, and storage	C
484230	State Law	Truck transportation – terminal – state regulated	37-3-33
999111	Gross	Unclassified miscellaneous business services not elsewhere classified	C
999222	Gross	Unclassified miscellaneous personal services not elsewhere classified	B
453212	Gross	Used Merchandise Stores – books, miscellaneous, consignment, flea mkt	F
221122	Gross	Utilities – electric power or light company	M
221210	Gross	Utilities – natural gas	N
221310	Gross	Utilities – water, sewage treatment, steam, and other	M
541940	Flat	Veterinarian – individual and/or firm professional license Must Provide Board Certification: Alabama Veterinary Medical Examiners Board	G
493110	Gross	Warehousing and storage – distribution, household, refrigerated, special	F
562998	Gross	Waste management – companies, trucks, septic tanks, landfill, services	F
483212	Gross	Water transportation – coastal, freight forwarders, inland, passenger	B
421990	Gross	Wholesale trade – <u> durable</u> , vehicle, machinery, equipment, furniture	E
422720	Gross	Wholesale trade – <u> non-durable</u> , wholesale gasoline distributor	F
424990	Gross	Wholesale trade – <u> non-durable</u> , paper, apparel, grocery, beverages, dairy	E
321999	Gross	Wood manufacturing – sawmills, wood preservation, veneer, trusses, millwork	F
441115	Flat	Wrecker/Towing	J

Calculation Information

Schedule "A-F" – If gross receipts are:

Less than \$50,000	\$100.00
50,001 to 100,000	\$250.00
100,001 to 200,000	\$300.00
200,001 to 400,000	\$350.00
400,001 to 600,000	\$450.00
over 600,000	\$500.00
<u>Schedule G</u>	\$300.00

Schedule H Real Estate Office located within town limits (if not can't charge) \$125.00

Schedule I State Regulated

Bank ATM Location	\$50.00
Bank Branch Location	\$500.00
Bank Main Office Facility	\$500.00
Credit Union Branch Location	\$500.00
Credit Union Main Office Facility	\$500.00
Savings & Loan ATM Location	\$ 50.00
Savings & Loan Branch Location	\$500.00
Savings & Loan Main Office Facility	\$500.00

Schedule J \$300.00

Schedule K \$125.00

Schedule L Limousines/Taxi Cabs

1 taxi cab or limousine	\$100.00 per vehicle
All taxi cabs or limousines over 1	\$25.00 per vehicle

Schedule M Utilities

Utilities (Marshall Dekalb Electric Co-op, Douglas Water Board)	3% town limits 1 ½ jurisdiction
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Schedule N Gas

Marshall County Gas District	3% gross receipts	Town limits
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Schedule O For profit special events \$100.00 per day

Schedule P Fortune Teller \$50.00 per day

Schedule Q

In addition to the license thereto, there shall be a decal affixed to each machine and cost of

Said decals shall be according to the following:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| (a) 1 to 5 machines vending any type merchandise | \$20.00 per machine |
| 6 to 10 machines vending any type merchandise | \$10.00 per machine |
| all over 10 machines vending any type merchandise | \$5.00 per machine |

(b) If gross receipts are included in the computation of a merchant's license under sections "A" – "F" of the license schedule, this schedule does not apply to these machines dispensing any type merchandise or product.

Schedule R

Bail Bond Companies

\$350.00

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 1st) will increase by a 15% penalty due February 1st plus 1% interest. An additional 15% penalty will be due March 2nd 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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