

JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
TAX & LICENSE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
A-100 COURTHOUSE
716 RICHARD ARRINGTON JR BLVD N
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

SALES TAX INFORMATION:

The Jefferson County sales tax is levied on the sales of tangible personal property at retail (except as specifically exempted by law) within Jefferson County and the gross receipts on admissions to public places of amusement or entertainment in Jefferson County.

RATE OF TAX:

GENERAL SALES TAX RATES

Sales Tax Rate	1%
<u>Special Revenue Sales Tax Rate</u>	<u>1%</u>
Total Jefferson County Rate	2%

REDUCED SALES TAX RATES

Automotive/Manufacturing/Farming Rate	0.375%
<u>Special Revenue Automotive/Manufacturing/Farming Rate</u>	<u>0.375%</u>
Total Jefferson County Rate	0.75%

VENDING SALES TAX RATES

	0.75%
<u>Special Revenue Sales Tax Rate</u>	<u>0.75%</u>
Total Jefferson County Rate	1.50%

GENERAL SELLERS USE TAX RATES

Sellers Use Tax Rate	1%
<u>Special Revenue Sellers Use Tax Rate</u>	<u>1%</u>
Total Jefferson County Rate	2%

REDUCED SELLERS USE TAX RATES

Automotive/Manufacturing/Farming Rate	0.375%
<u>Special Revenue Automotive/Manufacturing/Farming Rate</u>	<u>0.375%</u>
Total Jefferson County Rate	0.75%

GENERAL CONSUMERS USE TAX RATES

Consumers Use Tax Rate	1%
<u>Special Revenue Consumers Use Tax Rate</u>	<u>1%</u>
Total Jefferson County Rate	2%

REDUCED CONSUMERS USE TAX RATES

Automotive/Manufacturing/Farming Rate	0.375%
<u>Special Revenue Automotive/Manufacturing/Farming Rate</u>	<u>0.375%</u>
Total Jefferson County Rate	0.75%

WHEN RETURNS AND TAX ARE DUE:

Sales and use tax returns must be received by the Jefferson County Department of Revenue with a payment of the amount due on or before the 20th day of the month following the calendar month covered by the return.

PENALTIES:

All returns not received by the Jefferson County Department of Revenue before the close of business on the 20th day of the month following the month covered by the report are subject to a penalty of 10% of the amount of tax due (minimum \$50) plus interest. All payments not received before the close of business on the 20th day of the month following the month covered by the report are subject to a penalty of 10% of the tax due plus interest.

DISCOUNT:

A discount of 5% is allowed on sales tax due up to \$100.00 and 2% on tax due in excess of \$100.00 provided the payment of tax is received before the 20th day of the month following the month for which the tax is paid. The total discount for sales tax is limited to \$100.00. NO DISCOUNT IS ALLOWED for Sellers Use and Consumers Use Tax.

BUSINESS CLOSURE OR SALE:

Any person who sells a business, or closes a business, is required to file a final return within 30 days and pay tax due. The new owner, or successor, shall be required to hold out sufficient of the purchase money to cover tax due by the former owner. Failure to do so makes the new owner, or successor, liable for any unpaid taxes due by the former owner.

SAMPLE RETURN AND ADDITONAL INFORMATION

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
SALES TAX RETURN

Required by Act No 405-1967 Regular Session

80% of all sales and use tax filers file and pay online. To pay online visit the My Alabama Taxes (MAT) website. <https://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov>. Navigate to the local return table and choose Jefferson County (7037) from the locality dropdown. Do not file both paper and electronically.

Taxpayers required to file this return are also required to file the SPECIAL REVENUE SALES TAX RETURN.

ANY BUSINESS
1234 ANY STREET, SUITE 123
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

Sales tax is a privilege tax imposed on the retail sale of tangible personal property sold in Jefferson County by businesses located in Jefferson County. The tax is collected by the seller from their customer and remitted directly to Jefferson County.

Account Number 012345-ST
FEIN or Social Security Number _____

For the month of JANUARY 2024

	Rate Type	(A) Gross Sales & Collections	(B) Deductions	(C) Net Taxable Sales & Collections	(D) Tax Rate	(E) Tax Due
(1)	Automotive Vehicles	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$90,000.00	0.00375	\$337.50
(2)	Farm Machinery & Equipment	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$90,000.00	0.00375	\$337.50
(3)	Manufacturing & Mining Machinery	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$90,000.00	0.00375	\$337.50
(4)	Items sold through Vending Machines	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	0.0075	\$7.50
(5)	Admissions from Amusements & Exhibitions	\$90,000.00		\$90,000.00	0.01	\$900.00
(6)	All other sales and receipts	\$90,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$89,000.00	0.01	\$890.00
(7)	Food/Grocery	\$100,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$93,000.00	0.01	\$930.00
(8)	Automobile withdrawal fee - Number of vehicles withdrawn	1			\$1.25	\$1.25
(9) TOTAL TAX DUE Total of Column E, Lines 1-8						\$3,741.25
(10) LESS DISCOUNT IF PAID ON TIME					\$5.00	(\$77.83)
(a) 5% on first \$100.00 of tax up to \$5.00						
(b) 2% on tax over \$100.00 up to \$95.00					\$72.83	
Total discount not to exceed \$100.00						
(11) PENALTY – FAILURE TO FILE – If filed late, 10% of total tax (Line 9) or \$50.00, whichever is greater						
(12) PENALTY – FAILURE TO PAY – If paid late, 10% of total tax (Line 9)						
(13) INTEREST – If filed late, as provided by §40-1-44						
(14) AUTHORIZED CREDIT from Jefferson County Department of Revenue. Attach letter from the Department to tax return.						
(15) TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND ENCLOSED						\$3,663.42

This return must be postmarked by the 20th day of the month following the reporting period for which you are filing to be considered a timely return.

By signing this return, I am certifying this return, including any accompanying schedules or statements, has been examined by me and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and correct return for the period stated.

Please Print Name Title

Signature Date

Phone Number Email Address

Make check payable to:
SCOTT MOORE, DIRECTOR

Mail to:
JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
PO BOX 830710
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35283-0710

Questions may be directed to the Department of Revenue at 205-325-5171.

Before mailing your return be sure to do the following:

- Include your corresponding Special Revenue Sales Tax Return.
- Sign, date and include your contact information.
- Include your payment if any tax is due.

SALES TAX RETURN GUIDANCE

GROSS SALES - COLUMN (A) Enter the total gross sales in Column A based upon the rate type of each row for the reporting period, do not include the sales taxes collected from the customer. Also, include the cost of inventory withdrawn for personal use or consumption in which sales tax has not been previously paid. (Gross sales includes sales closed within Jefferson County without the deduction of administrative and operating expenses such as inventory purchases, wages, utilities, rent and insurance. Gross sales do not include cash discounts allowed and taken on sales or full price refunds. Refer to Code of Alabama 1975 §40-23 for additional details.)

RATE TYPE	EXAMPLES
AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES	NEW CARS, USED CARS, MOTORCYCLES, TRUCKS, TRAILERS, CRAWLERS, CRAWLER CRANES, ETC.
FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	DRAWN PLANTERS, TRACTORS, SPRAYERS, THRESHING MACHINES, FERTILIZER SPREADERS, AND SEED DRILLS, ETC. USED IN PLANTING, CULTIVATING & HARVESTING FARM PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURING & MINING MACHINERY	INDUSTRIAL MIXERS, MEAT GRINDERS, PLATE PROCESSORS, INDUSTRIAL LATHES, DRAGLINES, EXCAVATORS, HYDRAULIC MINING SHOVELS, BLASTING EQUIPMENT, STONE SPLITTERS, DIAMOND WIRE SAWS, AND HYDRAULIC DRILLING MACHINES, ETC. USED IN MANUFACTURING AND MINING.
VENDING MACHINE SALES	CHIPS, CANDY, SNACKS, SANDWICHES, COFFEE, AND MILK PRODUCTS.
ADMISSION & AMUSEMENT SALES	CONCERT SALES, MOVIE TICKETS, SKATING RINKS ADMISSION FEES, RACE TRACKS, GOLF COURSES, POOL ROOMS, ADMISSION FEES TO CLUBS, DANCE HALLS, WRESTLING MATCHES, ETC.
ALL OTHER SALES AND RECEIPTS	CLOTHING, JEWELRY, FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, HARD LIQUOR, BEER, WINE, OFFICE SUPPLIES, CLEANING PRODUCTS, MAKE-UP, WIGS, BOOKS, COMPUTERS, PHONES, ETC.
FOOD/GROCERY SALES	FRUITS, VEGETABLES, CEREAL, BREAD, MEAT, FROZEN FOODS, ETC. (REFER TO THE DEFINITION PROVIDED BY THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP), ALSO KNOWN AS THE FOOD STAMPS PROGRAM)
AUTOMOTIVE WITHDRAWAL	THE NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES WITHDRAWN FROM INVENTORY FOR USE IN THE OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS

DEDUCTIONS - COLUMN (B) Enter the total deductions for the reporting period, such as sales to customers presenting a valid exemption certificate, sales to customers presenting a current State of Alabama sales tax license, food sales purchased using a SNAP card, applicable sales made during sales tax holidays and exempt sales such as prescription drugs. Maintain copies current State of Alabama sales tax licenses and applicable exemption certificates. Refer to Code of Alabama 1975 §40-23 for additional details.

NET TAXABLE SALES - COLUMN (C) Subtract Column B from Column A and enter the difference into Column C.

TAX DUE - COLUMN (E) Multiply the total in Column C by the tax rate in Column D and enter the total into Column E for lines (1) through (7). Multiply the total in Column A by the tax rate in Column D for line (8).

TOTAL TAX DUE - LINE (9) Add the Tax Due for lines (1) through (8) and enter the total into line (9).

DISCOUNT ALLOWED FOR TIMELY FILING - LINE (10) A discount is allowed if the return and payment are postmarked by the due date. The maximum discount allowed is \$100.00.

Calculation Example: $\$100 \times .05 = \5.00

$$\$3,741.25 - \$100 = \$3,641.25$$

$$\$3,641.25 \times .02 = \$72.83 \quad \text{Total Discount Allowed: } \$5.00 + \$72.83 = \$77.83$$

FAILURE TO FILE PENALTY - LINE (11) If the return is filed after the due date, enter the greater of Line (9) multiplied by 10% or \$50 into Line (10). Example: If the total tax due is \$100.00, the penalty for late filing would be \$50. ($\$100.00 \times .10 = \10.00 ; \$50.00 is greater than \$10)

FAILURE TO PAY PENALTY - LINE (12) If the payment due is remitted after the due date, enter the total of Line (9) multiplied by 10% into Line (12).

INTEREST - LINE (13) Calculate the interest due based upon Code of Alabama 1975 §40-1-44. Please refer to <https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/legal/quarterly-interest-rates/> for additional information.

AUTHORIZED CREDIT - LINE (14) A credit must be authorized by Jefferson County Revenue Department. Include a copy of the letter when submitting the return and payment.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND ENCLOSED - LINE (15) If the return and payment are filed late, add the total of lines (9), (11), (12) & (13) and subtract the authorized credit if applicable. Enter the total into line (15).

If the return and payment are filed and paid timely, subtract the discount and the authorized credit from the total tax due, and enter the total into Line (15).

Additional Resources:



Act No 405-1967 Regular Session

Code of Alabama 1975 §40-23 <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/code-of-alabama>

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX RULEBOOK

https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/ultraviewer/viewer/basic_viewer/index.html?form=2022/08/Sales_Use_Rulebook.pdf

