



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

City of Simi Valley Business Tax

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Business Tax Certificate?

The City's Municipal code requires that you obtain a business tax certificate when you conduct business activity within the City of Simi Valley, even if your business is located OUTSIDE the city limits or you have a business tax certificate or license from another city.

Who is required to have a City of Simi Valley Business Tax Certificate?

Any person who by the use of signs, circulars, cards, telephone books, newspapers, email solicitations, or other means of communication, advertises, holds out or represents that he/she is engaged in business in the City of Simi Valley, the transaction of which a tax is levied, shall be evidence of the liability of such party to pay such tax on business conducted within the City.

Conducting business in Simi Valley without a business tax certificate can result in penalties, violation notices, citations and court action.

What is the business tax rate?

The business tax rate for most businesses is based on annual gross receipts for the previous year. A new business should estimate their gross receipts from the day the business begins operation through December 31st of that year.

When do I need to renew my tax certificate?

All annual business taxes shall be due and payable in advance on April 30 of each year and shall be delinquent on May 1 of each year. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to pay the tax each year that business is conducted in Simi Valley.

What are the penalties if I am late?

For failure to renew a Business Tax Certificate on or before April 30, a penalty of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or Ten Percent (10%) of said tax, whichever is the greater, on the first day of each month after the delinquency thereof, to a maximum of no more than 100% of the tax.

What if I have more than one location and/or business?

A separate Business Tax Certificate must be obtained for each branch of operation. In addition, a person owning and/or managing two or more types of businesses must pay a tax for each establishment.