

Examples of prepared and/or modified food and beverages affected by the fee:

1. Heated foods (Pizza, nachos, hot dogs, sandwiches, chicken, vegetables, etc.)
2. Prepared sandwiches, salads, doughnuts and cakes
3. Fountain drinks, frozen drinks, coffee and cappuccino

Examples of prepared and/or modified food and beverages NOT affected by the fee:

1. Packaged foods
2. Bulk or packaged cold deli products
3. Canned or bottled beverages

Accessory use food service facilities

What sales are affected by the Hospitality fee for food service which is an accessory to the primary business (arcades, amusements, theaters, etc)?

Prepared or modified food and beverage items such as fountain drinks, popcorn, nachos, etc.

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Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Guide

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The City of Simpsonville offers this guide as a quick reference to our Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Collections. The full ordinance can be found at www.simpsonville.com

What is Hospitality & Accommodation Tax

Articles 5 and 7 of Title 6 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina authorizes local governing bodies by ordinance to impose a local hospitality tax not to exceed 2% and a local accommodations tax not to exceed 3%.

Hospitality Tax

Hospitality tax is defined as a 2% tax upon the sales of prepared meals and beverages sold in establishments in the city.

Accommodations Tax

Accommodations tax is defined as a 3% tax upon the rentals of hotels, motels, and other lodging establishments in the city that offer accommodations to tourists.

General Questions

1. Why is it necessary to implement the hospitality and accommodation fee?

The hospitality and accommodation taxes are necessary to fund buildings and improvements related to tourism such as beautification projects, promotional efforts, tourism-related facilities and tourism-related water and sewer infrastructure.

2. Who is responsible for remitting the tax?

The provider or seller of the service, services or items is responsible for the collection of this fee from patrons and is liable to remit said collections to the City of Simpsonville.

3. How will the fee be remitted to the City?

For most businesses the tax will be more than \$50 per month and remittance must be made by the twentieth day of the following month, or on the next business day if the 20th is not a business day.

If the taxes are \$25-\$50 per month then payment can be made quarterly.

If the taxes are less than \$25 per month then payment is due annually.

Credit Card payments are not accepted for these taxes.

4. What if my payment is late?

The penalty of 1.5% of the total sales reported per month outstanding is applied along with a \$500 Administrative fee.

5. What sales are affected by the hospitality tax?

All food and/or beverage items including alcohol that are prepared or modified and intended for immediate consumption. This includes: bars, restaurants, convenience stores, grocery and similar stores.

6. What sales are affected by the accommodations tax?

The rental charges for rooms, campground spaces, lodging, or sleeping accommodations furnished to transients for less than 90 consecutive days. The fee does not apply to any facilities consisting of less than 6 sleeping rooms, contained on the same premises which is used as an individual's place of abode.