

**City of Ephrata Public Safety Tax  
Car Dealers and Leasing Companies  
Effective January 1, 2015**

*Effective January 1, 2015*, local sales and use tax within the City of Ephrata will increase one-tenth of one percent (.001). The tax will be used for criminal justice and public safety purposes.

Businesses must collect the appropriate new rate of sales tax for retail sales and services provided within the City of Ephrata. Persons or businesses within the City of Ephrata will be subject to the new rate of use tax on items purchased for their personal or business use if sales tax has not been paid.

**Special Reporting Instructions for Sales or Leases of Motor Vehicles:**

Businesses that report sales or leases of motor vehicles (for up to the first thirty-six months of the lease) will need to report using the following location codes and tax rates. After the thirty-six months of motor vehicle leases, the original city/county code should be used.

Location	Location Code Number	Local Sales Tax Rate	State Sales Tax Rate	Total Sales Tax Rate
Ephrata MVET	1353	.014	.065	.079

**Reporting Instructions for Retail Sales:**

Businesses that report retail sales (other than sales or leases of motor vehicles) will need to report using the following location codes and tax rates:

Location	Location Code Number	Local Sales Tax Rate	State Sales Tax Rate	Total Sales Tax Rate
Ephrata	1303	.015	.065	.080

Below is an example of how to report local retail sales tax on your excise tax return assuming sales of motor vehicles total \$50,000 and repairs total \$10,000 in Ephrata.

Location Code	Taxable Amount		Local Rate	Tax Due City or Co.	
1303	10,000	00	.015	150	00
1353	50,000	00	.014	700	00
TOTAL TAXABLE	60,000	00	TOTAL	850	00

Tax Classification	Taxable Amount		Rate	Tax Due	
Motor Vehicle Sales/Leases (eff. 7/1/03)	50,000	00	.003	150	00

**New sales tax applies i.e. service and parts.**

**Represents only motor vehicle sales.**

**Note:** The three-tenths of one percent (.003) Motor Vehicle Sales/Lease Tax that was implemented July 1, 2003 still applies to the sale, lease, or rental of motor vehicles.

To determine the proper codes and rates of local sales tax you may access our Tax Rate Lookup Tool located at [dor.wa.gov](http://dor.wa.gov). On the home page, click on the **Find a sales tax rate (GIS) link**.

This notice is being sent to businesses that have reported local sales or use tax to any of the above location codes within the last year.

If you have questions, or if Sales Tax Collection Schedules are needed, please go to our web site at [dor.wa.gov](http://dor.wa.gov) or call the Department of Revenue at 1-800-647-7706.