

**City of Ephrata Transportation Benefit District
Car Dealers and Leasing Companies
Effective January 1, 2019**

Effective January 1, 2019, the City of Ephrata will establish a Transportation Benefit District (TBD). Sales and use tax within the City of Ephrata will increase two-tenths of one percent (.002). The tax will be used for transportation services.

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 tax 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 code and tax rate. After the thirty-six months of motor vehicle leases, the original city code should be used.

Location	Location Code Number	Local Sales Tax Rate	State Sales Tax Rate	Total Sales Tax Rate
Ephrata TBD MVET	1353	.016	.065	.081

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 code and tax rate:

Location	Location Code Number	Local Sales Tax Rate	State Sales Tax Rate	Total Sales Tax Rate
Ephrata TBD	1303	.017	.065	.082

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	.017	170 00
1353	50,000 00	.016	800 00
TOTAL TAXABLE	60,000 00	TOTAL	970 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. On the home page, click on the **Find a sales or use tax rate** link.

This notice is being sent to businesses that have reported local sales or use tax to the City of Ephrata 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 or call the Department of Revenue at 1-800-647-7706.