



Tax Information Publication

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Changes in Local Communications Services Tax Rates Effective January 1, 2016

Effective January 1, 2016, some local communications services tax (CST) rates will change. These local tax rate changes are pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the governing authority of the county or municipality. The local tax rate for CST includes the local rate imposed under the CST statute (Section 202.19, Florida Statutes [F.S.]) and the discretionary sales surtax imposed under the sales and use tax statute (Section 212.055, F.S.). The new rates are effective for all bills issued on or after January 1, 2016, regardless of the date the service is rendered or transacted. These rates will stay in effect until further notice by the Department.

This Tax Information Publication (TIP) **does not** include rate changes due to changes in the county discretionary sales surtax. Counties are required to notify the Department of rate changes in mid-November, prior to the January 1 effective date. We are required to send this notice, pursuant to Section 202.21, F.S., and an additional notice in November, pursuant to Sections 202.20(3) and 212.054(7)(a), F.S.

The following jurisdictions will have a rate change due to a local ordinance:

January 2016 - CST Rate Changes	Total Local Rate
Columbia County – Unincorporated Area	5.22%
Estero (new jurisdiction located in Lee County)	3.61%

Note: We urge you to use caution in changing rates at this time. Another TIP, which will include **all January rate changes**, will be sent in late November. A complete rate schedule will also be posted to our website at that time.

References: Sections 202.19, 202.21, and 212.055, Florida Statutes

For More Information

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