

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the Hospitality Fee/Tax?

Two percent (2%) imposed on purchases of prepared or modified foods and/or beverages intended for immediate consumption.

What is the purpose of implementing a Hospitality Fee/Tax?

To help fund capital improvements such as the Downtown Improvement Project and similar projects to promote tourism. Without a Hospitality Fee/Tax, these projects would be dependent upon property taxes or business license fees.

APPLICABILITY

1. Who would collect the two percent (2%) Hospitality Fee/Tax on the sale of prepared or modified foods and beverages?

Restaurants, bars and lounges, other food service establishments, and grocery as well as convenience stores (if they sell prepared or modified foods and/or beverages).

2. What foods and beverages are affected by the Hospitality Fee/Tax?

All food and beverage sales prepared or modified as a meal for immediate consumption; heated foods (pizza, hot dogs, sandwiches, chicken, etc.); fountain drinks; coffee; doughnuts, pastries and other bakery items which are prepared or modified at the business site; prepared sandwiches and salads; sliced meat and vegetable trays; as well as foods and beverages prepared for catering.

3. What food/beverage sales is EXEMPT from the Hospitality Fee/Tax?

Pre-packaged foods; bulk or packaged cold deli products; as well as canned and bottled drinks which are not sold for immediate consumption.

FEE/TAX COLLECTION INFORMATION

1. Who is responsible for the collection and remittance of the Hospitality Fee/Tax?

The food service establishment is liable for the collection of the fee/tax from patrons and the monthly remittance of these collections to the City of Mullins.

2. How will the fees/taxes be remitted?

Fees/Taxes will be remitted to the City by the 20th of each month for the prior month's total collections. Each remittance must include a completed Hospitality Fee/Tax Monthly Reporting Form.

3. What if my fee/tax payment is delinquent?

A penalty payment of five percent (5%) per month must accompany all delinquent remittances.

5. Where should the remittance for collections be sent?

Checks and the reporting form should be delivered or mailed to the City of Mullins, Hospitality Tax/Fee, PO Drawer 408, Mullins, SC 29574. .