

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO IS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED?

All persons or companies conducting business in the City of Escalon are required to obtain a business license and to pay the business license tax. This includes retail outlets, wholesalers, manufacturers and their representatives, service companies, self-employed professionals, independent contractors and home businesses. If you conduct business in Escalon from an office located outside of Escalon, you are also required to obtain a business license.

WHEN AND HOW OFTEN AM I REQUIRED TO PAY?

All license taxes are payable prior to beginning work. All business licenses expire December 31st. The business license tax must be paid annually. As a courtesy to the business community, the City does send renewal notices. The City is not required, however, to send notification to any person who is liable for the tax. It is the responsibility of the individual business owner to be aware of their business license tax due date and to remit payment in a timely manner.

WHAT ARE THE TAX RATES?

The business license tax is based on the nature of a particular business as defined by the Municipal Code. Businesses will be taxed either on gross receipts or according to their classification. Please refer to the "Business License Fees & Categories" which is available on the City of Escalon' website or in person at City Hall.

WHAT IF I DON'T PAY?

Any person who fails to pay the business license tax prior to the due date will be subject to a 10% penalty every 30 days thereafter (i.e. Jan. 31st 10%; Feb. 28th addt'l 10%; and so on). If not renewed by June 1st, business license will be ceased and you will have to reapply.

IS MY BUSINESS LICENSE TRANSFERRABLE?

Business licenses are not transferrable to a new owner(s). When purchasing a business, the new owner(s) must apply for their own business license.

WILL I NEED A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME?

In the case of an individual, a name that does not include the surname of the individual will need to apply. For further information, contact the San Joaquin County Recorder's Office:

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