

Florida Department of Revenue
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Alachua County Levies A One Percent Discretionary
Sales Surtax Beginning January 1, 2002

Effective January 1, 2002, sales tax dealers in Alachua County must begin collecting the one percent discretionary sales surtax. The levy of this surtax is the result of voter approval of Alachua County Ordinance No. 01-01. Effective January 1, 2002, the combined tax rate for Alachua County will be seven percent (rate card enclosed). This consists of:

6% State sales tax rate

1% Local Government Infrastructure Surtax

Effective January 1, 2002, all sales tax dealers will be required to collect or accrue the one percent Alachua County discretionary sales surtax, in addition to the state's six percent sales tax, on the sale or use of taxable merchandise or taxable services delivered into Alachua County.

The Department of Revenue will administer the one percent discretionary sales surtax. All monies collected for this surtax shall be remitted and reported to the Department along with the state sales and use tax on the appropriate sales and use tax return.

The amount of money distributed to Alachua County depends upon proper completion of the back of each sales and use tax return. Please make certain you complete **ALL** of the appropriate lines including the **discretionary sales surtax lines** on all future tax returns.

Your 2002 sales tax coupon books and all other tax returns printed for tax filing periods in 2002 will include the new rates. A seven percent bracket card is enclosed for your convenience.

This new discretionary sales surtax was originally passed to begin January 1, 2002, and expire on December 31, 2002. This is subject to change. We urge you to examine any discretionary sales surtax rate sheets (Form DR-15DSS) issued for the 2003 surtax rates and effective/expiration dates.

Public workshops have been scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

October 2, 2001, 10:15 a.m.	October 17, 2001, 9:30 a.m.
Alachua County Public Library Tower Road Branch 3020 Southwest 75th Street Gainesville, Florida Maximum capacity: 95 people	Westside Park Activities Building 1001 Northwest 34th Street Gainesville, Florida Maximum capacity: 100 people

October 23, 2001, 8:15 a.m.	October 24, 2001, 8:15 a.m.
Alachua Taxpayer Service Center 14107 US Highway 441, Suite 100 Alachua, Florida Maximum capacity: 20 people	Alachua Taxpayer Service Center 14107 US Highway 441, Suite 100 Alachua, Florida Maximum capacity: 20 people

If you would like to attend one of the workshops, please contact Johnny Killebrew, Tax Specialist II, Department of Revenue, at (386) 418-4408.

References: Alachua County Ordinance 01-01; Sections 212.054, 212.055(1) and (2), Florida Statutes

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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www.myflorida.com/dor. Or call Tax Information Services, 8:00 a.m., to 7:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at 800-352-3671 (Florida only), or 850-488-6800.

Hearing- or speech-impaired persons should call our TDD at 800-367-8331 or 850-922-1115.

For a detailed written response to your questions, write the Florida Department of Revenue, Tax Information Services, 1379 Blountstown Highway, Tallahassee, FL. 32304-2716.

To receive a fax copy of a form, call 850-922-3676 from your fax machine telephone.