

**BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RATE SHEET FOR  
SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS**

A Short-term Vacation Rental (STVR) is advertised and operated as a business and is subject to the City’s Business License Requirements set forth in the San Buenaventura Municipal Code (SBMC) Chapter 4.155.

A Business License is an annual tax you pay each fiscal year for conducting business within the City of Ventura for the purpose of obtaining general revenue.

**THE BUSINESS LICENCE TAX METHODOLOGY**

Taxes are calculated based on a formula using, in part, gross receipts for a 12-month period. \* Gross receipts include all rents collected whether short-term or long-term. The business tax year is from July 1 through June 30.

To calculate your business license tax, use either of the following methods:

1. Estimate total rents for a 12-MONTH PERIOD.
2. Use the gross rents as reported to the IRS for the last completed tax year.

TIER 2 (SBMC Section 4.155.850.A.9.)

Services: Rental of dwelling units on a short-term (30 days or less) basis	
Base Tax .....	\$45.00 plus
Gross Rents up to \$5 million .....	34 cents per thousand

**CALCULATING THE BUSINESS LICENCE TAX**

1. Multiply the annual rents by .00034
2. Add that amount to the base tax of \$45.00
3. Apply penalties, if applicable, as instructed on the back of the application form
4. Mail or bring the application form and tax payment to the Business Tax Office

<i><b>Example:</b> Rents collected for a 12-month period equal \$25,000.</i>	
Base Tax .....	\$ 45.00 plus
Annual Rent (\$25,000 X .00034).....	8.50
Tax Due.....	\$ 53.50

\* If you begin operating an STVR mid-year, calculate using the estimated total of rent for the number of months and use a pro-rated base tax (see application form).

**PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENCY**

A Short-term Vacation Rental that has operated without a permit may be subject to penalties. Contact the Business Tax Office for assistance in determining if a penalty is applicable and how to calculate the penalty.

This fact sheet is provided for the purpose of business license taxes for the Short-term Vacation Rental. For complete information, a copy of the San Buenaventura Municipal Code, or further assistance, please call staff at (805) 658-4715.
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