

Home Rule Cities

Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution provides that each City or Town of the State with a population of at least two thousand inhabitants shall always have the "power to make, amend, add to or replace the charter of said City or Town, which shall be its organic law and extend to all its local and municipal matters." The charter and ordinances made by a home rule City supersede any law of the State within its territorial limits.

Effective July 1, 2002, the City of Louisville, Colorado became a home-rule city. With home-rule status, the City of Louisville has the authority to create tax ordinances, a tax base, its tax rates, and other rules and regulations which allow it to administer and collect its own taxes. Transactions taxed by the City of Louisville may differ from those imposed by the State of Colorado or other home-rule cities.

Taxation in Colorado is generally based on the point of delivery, therefore, each taxpayer that does business within a homerule jurisdiction in Colorado needs to license with that jurisdiction and must collect and remit taxes according to that city's tax ordinances. The City of Louisville requires all entities engaged in business in the City to license with the City and to collect and remit the appropriate Louisville sales and uses taxes directly to the City. Allother taxes collected on behalf of the State, any Special Districts and State-collected Counties should be remitted directly to the Colorado Department of Revenue.

The Colorado Department of Revenue is not a collection agent for the City of Louisville. Payments made to the Colorado Department of Revenue or to another jurisdiction do not relieve a taxpayer of their liability to the City of Louisville.

For a complete listing of home-rule cities, refer to the Colorado Department of Revenue Form DR 1002, which is available on their website at www.taxcolorado.com. This publication is updated January 1 and July 1 of each year.

See Tax Guide Topics "Nexus", "Taxpayer Responsibilities – Unlawful Acts", and "Louisville Licensing Requirements", for additional information.

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