



Town of Oro Valley

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## Half-cent sales tax begins March 1

**Oro Valley, Arizona (February 26, 2015)** – On Sunday, March 1, 2015, a half-cent sales tax increase goes into effect for the Town of Oro Valley. The sales tax, which was approved by Oro Valley Town Council on December 17, 2014, is expected to generate approximately \$2 million annually. Those funds will be designated solely for maintenance and operations and capital improvements for the proposed Community & Recreation Center and related amenities. The sales tax does not impact fuel purchases or groceries.

### What does this mean for Oro Valley businesses?

In most cases, if a business currently charges a total tax rate of 8.1% on transactions or sales, the new total tax rate will be 8.6%. This is made up of the 5.6% state tax rate, the 0.5% Pima County tax rate (for the RTA) and the 2.5% Oro Valley tax rate. All businesses should begin charging the new 2.5% Oro Valley tax rate on March 1, 2015.

### Notice from the Arizona Department of Revenue

In its February 2015 “Transaction Privilege Tax Changes and News” notification, the Arizona Department of Revenue published the following information about Oro Valley’s tax increase:

***Effective March 1, 2015:*** *On December 17, 2014, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Oro Valley passed Ordinance No. (O)14-17. Ordinance No. (O)14-17 amended the tax code of the Town of Oro Valley by increasing the rate of taxation by five-tenths of one percent (0.5%) from the existing rate of two percent (2%) to a total of two and five-tenths percent (2.5%). This change affects the following business classifications: Sec. 8A-405 Advertising; 8A-410 Amusements, Exhibitions, and Similar Activities; 8A-425 Job Printing; 8A-427 Manufactured Buildings; 8A-430 Timbering and Other Extraction; 8A-435 Publishing and Periodicals Distribution; 8A-444 Hotels; 8A-450 Rental, Leasing, and Licensing for Use of Tangible Property; 8A-455 Restaurants and Bars; Sec. 8A-460 Retail sales; and 8A-475 Transporting for Hire.*

Source: [http://www.azdor.gov/Portals/0/TPTRates/TPT\\_Tax\\_Changes%20201502.pdf](http://www.azdor.gov/Portals/0/TPTRates/TPT_Tax_Changes%20201502.pdf)

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