

STR Sales Tax FAQs

- What is subject to the City of Aspen's Sales, Lodging, and Excise tax?
 - The taxes are applicable to all compensation charged for the providing of accommodation.
 - This includes all fees regardless of whether they are charged and received by the vendor (third-party platform, agency, etc.) the owner has chosen to use for booking services or charged and received by the owner.
 - Examples are: Cleaning fee, booking fee, service fee etc.
- What if the vendor I use does not charge tax or the wrong tax rate?
 - Ultimately, it is up to you to decide which vendor you choose to use, some may be better at helping with the City of Aspen taxing requirements. You are responsible for any and all tax due to the City of Aspen.
- What is deductible from the City of Aspen Sales, Lodging, and Excise tax?
 - The only deductibles are rentals of more than 30 consecutive days and sales to charitable, religious, and government entities.
- Why do I have to file tax forms monthly?
 - Sec. 23.08.040 (a) (2) states, "A taxpayer who in any month has a monthly tax due to the City of ten dollars (\$10.00) or more shall file returns and pay tax monthly and continue to pay monthly for each month for the remainder of the calendar year.
- When do I report my gross sales and rental income?
 - You remit the taxes for when the accommodation is provided.
 - Example: A renter booked a stay in January but will not be staying at the rental until June. In that case, you would report that income in June, since that is when the accommodation is being provided.
- Where do I report the State and county taxes?
 - State and county taxes are reported through the Colorado Department of Revenue
 - Link here: <https://tax.colorado.gov/pay>
- What do I do if I over or underpaid on my tax form?
 - You will contact the Aspen Sales Tax team: aspensalestax@aspen.gov and we will send you an email to gather more information.
- Who do I contact with business license and tax questions?
 - The Aspen Sales Tax team: aspensalestax@aspen.gov
- Who do I contact with questions about the City of Aspen Short-term rental program and/or permit questions?
 - The STR team: STRs@aspen.gov