

June, 2025

### \*\*NOTICE OF SALES TAX CODE CHANGES\*\* Marketplace Facilitators Effective July 1, 2025

On May 20, 2025, the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Assembly adopted <u>Ordinance 2025-23(b)am</u>, amending the CBJ Sales Tax Code to address taxation requirements for marketplace facilitators and short-term rental (STR) platforms. These changes are intended to promote equitable tax collection and ensure compliance across all business models operating within Juneau.

# Key Changes to CBJ Sales Tax Code

**Effective July 1, 2025**, marketplace facilitators, defined as a person or entity that facilitate the sale or rental of the seller's property, product, or services through a physical or electronic marketplace, are required to:

- Register with the CBJ Sales Tax Office
- Collect and remit sales tax and hotel bed tax on behalf of sellers providing goods, services, or rentals physically delivered or performed in Juneau

Examples of marketplace facilitators include: Uber, Turo, Airbnb, VRBO, DoorDash, and Rover.

The ordinance also introduces new compliance obligations for platforms facilitating short-term rentals (STRs). Specifically, STR platforms must:

- Ensure each Juneau listing displays a valid CBJ STR registration number, and
- Submit a monthly report to the CBJ Sales Tax Office of all STR registration numbers active on their platform

**Important Note:** Online sales of goods may fall under the authority of the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission (ARSSTC) rather than CBJ. If you are unsure whether your sales should be reported to CBJ or ARSSTC, please contact the CBJ Sales Tax Office for assistance.

# For Sellers Currently Filing with CBJ

If you currently collect and remit sales tax directly to CBJ, you must:

- Continue to file returns for transactions made through June 30, 2025 (return due July 31, 2025)
- If you will no longer be making sales outside of a marketplace platform, you must **formally close your CBJ sales** tax account
  - Do not stop filing without submitting an account closure form

While the CBJ Sales Tax Office will make efforts to contact known platforms, sellers are strongly encouraged to verify with their marketplace facilitator, especially smaller or lesser-known platforms, that they are aware of and are meeting the new collection and remittance obligations.

### For Marketplace Facilitator Platforms

#### **Platforms must:**

- <u>Register with the CBJ Sales Tax Office</u> by July 1, 2025
- Begin collecting and remitting applicable taxes for all qualifying transactions
- Choose to file monthly or quarterly returns

### **CBJ Tax Rates:**

- Sales Tax: 5%
- Liquor Tax: Additional 3%
- Marijuana Tax: Additional 3%
- Hotel Bed Tax (for STRs less than 30 days): Additional 9%

All taxes must be applied to the full selling price and shown separately on the receipt, per CBJ code.

These tax rates apply when the goods, services, or rentals are delivered to the customer within the <u>CBJ jurisdictional</u> <u>boundaries</u>.

#### Filing with CBJ or ARSSTC?

If you're uncertain whether to report sales to CBJ or through the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission (ARSSTC), the deciding factor is physical presence, also known as nexus. If a service is physically provided in Juneau, it must be reported to CBJ, even if the seller is located elsewhere. For clarification, contact the CBJ Sales Tax Office directly.

## Short-Term Rental (STR) Platforms – New Compliance Requirements

CBJ requires all STR operators to register each unit with the City prior to listing the property on any platform.

Effective July 1, 2025, STR hosting platforms must:

- Ensure all STR listings in Juneau display a valid CBJ STR registration number
- Submit a monthly report to the CBJ Sales Tax Office listing all active CBJ STR registration numbers

If CBJ determines that a registration number is invalid or revoked, the platform is required to **remove the affected listing within 5 days** of notification.

#### **Need Help or Have Questions?**

For assistance with registration, reporting, or determining whether to file with CBJ or ARSSTC, please contact us:

### **CBJ Sales Tax Office**

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