



TAX TALK

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Dear Friends,

July is here and it's time to celebrate Independence Day and the many wonderful activities Florida has to offer. Whether you are participating in this summer's lobster mini season or helping your teen driver obtain their first driver license, we can help!

July is also the season to renew your Local Business Tax Receipt. We sent renewal notices to all business owners at the end of June. Avoid the line and pay your Local Business Taxes on our website from July 1 through September 30.

Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday,

Anne M. Gannon
Constitutional Tax Collector

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive your copy of Tax Talk via email at www.pbctax.com/TaxTalk



RENEW YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT ONLINE

Are you a Palm Beach County business owner? Local Business Tax Receipt renewals are open for collection through September 30, 2017. There is usually no need to come in to our office. Simply renew your Local Business Tax Receipt online at <https://pbctax.manatron.com/Tabs/BusinessTax.aspx>.

Any business in Palm Beach County selling merchandise or services is required to purchase a Local Business Tax Receipt. One-person and home-based businesses are included. Failure to renew your Local Business Tax Receipt will result in late fees, penalties and a \$250 fine.

Don't let this happen to you! Skip the line by renewing your Local Business Tax Receipt online today.

IF YOUR 2017 LOCAL BUSINESS TAX IS PAST DUE, TAKE ACTION TODAY!

Nearly 6,400 local business owners have not paid their 2017 Local Business Tax and are delinquent over 150 days. In the interest of fairness to businesses in compliance, the Constitutional Tax Collector filed a petition in the Palm Beach Circuit Court seeking additional penalties, attorney/court fees and an injunction to suspend business operations until the 2017 Local Business Tax is paid.

Business owners named in this lawsuit will be dropped from this action if payment is made to the Constitutional Tax Collector before Friday, August 11, 2017. Additional information on this legal action is available <http://www.pbctax.com/2016-Local-Business-Tax-Alert>.



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Tax Collector Gannon invites you to contact our office with questions at (561) 355-2264 or ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com

NEW DRIVERS, GET OUR FREE STUDY APP

Time is running out for new drivers to get their licenses before the new school year starts. Our “In the Driver’s Seat” app (free for both Android and Apple devices) is the perfect study tool for preparing for the road ahead. The Florida handbook, driving laws, safety tips and a practice test are just some of what’s included in the app. Ready to take the test? Use the appointments tool to schedule the time and date of the exam. Reduce your stress, reduce your wait and download the app at www.pbctax.mobapp.at.



TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX SUPPORTS COUNTY TOURISM

Tourist Development Tax (TDT) plays a vital role in sustaining our local community by strengthening our economy and supporting our County’s tourism industry. Examples of this support include tourism promotion and the funding of beach restoration, cultural events and new professional sports facilities. All of which attract visitors to our beautiful Palm Beach County.

Palm Beach County residents who rent and/or lease any unit six months or less are required to pay Tourist Development Tax. Funds are due by the 20th of the month and are collected on a monthly basis. Failure to collect and pay this tax is a crime that negatively affects our communities for residents and visitors alike.

If someone you know is renting but not collecting and paying the required Tourist Development Tax, call our anonymous tip line at 561-355-3547.



SERVING YOU BY THE NUMBERS

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Clients Served	99,827	74,156	75,595	73,888
Average Wait Time	64 minutes	53 minutes	38 minutes	38 minutes
Average Help Call Hold Time	4 minutes	2.5 minutes	2 minutes	3 minutes

EPAY DELINQUENT 2016 TAXES

Delinquent Local Business Tax Receipts (LBTR) and Tangible Personal Property Taxes are payable online. Payment options include credit card, eCheck (FREE) or bank online bill pay. You will need the bill, credit card/eCheck information and just a few minutes.

NOTE: Delinquent Real Estate Taxes are not payable online.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO WITH 511!

We’re happy to share this helpful information from our friends at Florida’s 511 Traveler Information System.

Florida 511 added state-of-the-art features to its mobile app, website and phone system. Geared to enhance user experience while continuing to provide incident, construction and congestion information on Florida’s interstates, toll roads and other major metropolitan roadways. Check out the new features!

Mobile App & Website:

- Turn-by-turn navigation with real-time traffic updates
- Alternate routes
- Improved roadway travel times
- Innovative new “My Cameras” feature allows registered users to store a list of traffic cameras that provide an important, live look into the conditions along their route.
- Weather forecasts and severe weather alerts supplied by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

The phone system will provide streamlined call navigation menus. All new features will help get you to the information you need quickly. Keep moving, Florida with the new 511!

DATES & REMINDERS

- July 1** Local Business Tax Receipts open for collection.
- July 4** Independence Day – OFFICES CLOSED
- July 20** Tourist Development Tax Payment Deadline
- July 26 & 27** Lobster Mini Season

ePay delinquent Tangible Personal Property and Local Business Taxes online.

Privately owned vehicle registrations expire at midnight of the first owner’s birthday. Don’t forget, a saltwater fishing license and crawfish permit are required for Lobster Mini Season. Get yours today!