

# City of San Jose Historic Business Tax Rates (1986 – 2017)

## *Employee Count*

Every person engaged in business in the City shall pay a business tax based on employee count<sup>1</sup>, unless the basis of the tax is otherwise prescribed in the San José Municipal Code.

<b>Businesses:</b>	
<b>Employee Count <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1986 - June 2017</b>
Base Tax: 1-2 employees	\$150.00
Tier Tax: 9+ employees <sup>2</sup>	\$18.00
Cap	\$25,000

<sup>1</sup> Businesses choose between calculating the number of employees based on full-time equivalent (FTE) or based on the number employers report to the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

<sup>2</sup> Starting at the 9<sup>th</sup> employee, there is an \$18 per employee fee.

## *Residential Rental Property Units*

Every person in the City engaged in the business of renting or leasing any residential real estate shall pay a business tax based on the number of rental units held for rental, unless the basis of the tax is otherwise prescribed in the San José Municipal Code.

<b>Residential Landlords:</b>	
<b>Rental Units</b>	<b>1986 - June 2017</b>
Base Tax: 3-30 units	\$150.00
Tier Tax: 31+ <sup>1</sup>	\$5.00
Cap	\$5,000

<sup>1</sup> Starting at the 31<sup>st</sup> unit, there is a \$5 per unit fee.

## *Commercial (Non-Residential) Rental Property Units*

Every person in the City engaged in the business of renting or leasing any nonresidential real estate shall pay a business tax based on the square footage of space held for rental, unless the basis of the tax is otherwise prescribed in the San José Municipal Code.

<b>Commercial Landlords</b>	<b>1986 - June 2017</b>
Base Tax: 15,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$150.00
Tier Tax: per Sq. Ft. <sup>1</sup>	\$0.01
Cap	\$5,000

<sup>1</sup> Starting at the 15,001<sup>st</sup> ft<sup>2</sup>, there is a \$0.01 per ft<sup>2</sup> fee.

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## Mobile Home Parks Rental Units

Every person in the City engaged in the business of renting or leasing any mobile home parks shall pay a business tax based on the number of lots held for rental, unless the basis of the tax is otherwise prescribed in the San José Municipal Code.

<b>Mobile Home Parks – Rental Lot</b>	<b>1986 - June 2017</b>
Base Tax: 3-30 lots	\$150.00
Tier Tax: 31+ lots <sup>1</sup>	\$5.00
Cap	\$5,000

<sup>1</sup> Starting at the 31<sup>st</sup> lot, there is a \$5 per lot fee.

## Water Meter Connections

Every person in the City engaged in the business of operating any water meter connections shall pay a business tax based on the number connections, unless the basis of the tax is otherwise prescribed in the San José Municipal Code.

<b>Water Meter Connections</b>	<b>1986 - June 2017</b>
Base Tax	\$150.00
Tier Tax: 1+ connections <sup>1</sup>	\$0.10-0.30
Cap	\$20,000

<sup>1</sup> Starting at the 1<sup>st</sup> connection, there is a \$0.10-0.30 per connection fee.

## Out of Town Businesses

Every person engaged in business in the City shall pay a business tax based on employee count<sup>1</sup>, unless the basis of the tax is otherwise prescribed in the San José Municipal Code.

<b>Out of Town Businesses: Employee Count <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1986 - June 2017</b>				
	<b>120+ Days</b>	<b>90-119 Days</b>	<b>30-89 Days</b>	<b>6-29 Days</b>	<b>5 or Less Days <sup>2</sup></b>
Base Tax: 1-2 employees	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$56.25	\$37.50	\$0.00
Tier Tax: 9+ employees <sup>2</sup>	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$6.75	\$4.50	\$0.00
Cap	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.00

<sup>1</sup> Businesses choose between calculating the number of employees based on full-time equivalent (FTE) or based on the number employers report to the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

<sup>2</sup> Starting at the 9<sup>th</sup> employee, there is an \$4.50-18.00 per employee fee.

<sup>3</sup> For businesses in San Jose only 5 or less days, there is no fee, but the business is still required to submit registration.