Tax Scanner v2 - User Guide

Comprehensive User Guide for Restaurant Owners

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🏢 Overview

Tax Scanner v2 is a comprehensive sales tax lookup tool designed specifically for restaurant owners and managers. Our application provides accurate, up-to-date sales tax rates for locations across Texas.

Key Features:

- **GPS Location Detection:** Automatically detect your current location
- **Manual Selection:** Browse by state, county, and city
- **Real-time Tax Rates:** Access to 3,628+ official tax rates
- **Mobile Responsive:** Works perfectly on phones and tablets
- **Government Data:** Sourced directly from Texas Comptroller's office

🚀 Getting Started

Tax Scanner v2 is accessible through any modern web browser. No installation required!

1

Access the Application

Open your web browser and navigate to: **https://taxscanner.vercel.app**

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Choose Your Method

You have two options to find tax rates:

- **GPS Detection:** Click "Use My Current Location" for automatic detection
- **Manual Selection:** Choose state, county, and city from dropdown menus

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View Results

Once you've selected a location, click "Get Tax Rates" to see detailed tax information including state, county, and city rates.

📍 Using Location Detection

The GPS location detection feature provides the fastest way to find tax rates for your current location.

1

Enable Location Access

Click the "Use My Current Location" button. Your browser will ask for permission to access your location.

2

Grant Permission

Click "Allow" when prompted. This enables the app to detect your GPS coordinates.

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Automatic Form Population

The app will automatically fill in the state, county, and city dropdowns based on your detected location.

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Get Tax Rates

Click "Get Tax Rates" to see the complete tax breakdown for your location.

📋 Manual Location Selection

For precise control or when GPS isn't available, use the manual selection dropdowns.

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Select State

Choose your state from the first dropdown. Currently, Texas is supported with comprehensive coverage.

2

Choose County

After selecting a state, the county dropdown will populate with all available counties. Select your county.

3

Pick City

Finally, choose your city from the third dropdown. This will show all cities within the selected county.

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Submit

Click "Get Tax Rates" to retrieve the tax information for your selected location.

📊 Understanding Tax Results

Tax Scanner provides a comprehensive breakdown of all applicable sales tax rates.

Tax Components:

- **State Tax:** Texas state sales tax rate
- **County Tax:** Additional county-level tax
- **City Tax:** Municipal tax rates (if applicable)
- **Total Tax Rate:** Combined rate for easy calculation
- **Last Updated:** When the data was last refreshed

📱 Mobile Usage

Tax Scanner v2 is fully optimized for mobile devices, allowing you to check tax rates on the go.

- **Responsive Design:** Adapts to any screen size
- **Touch-Friendly:** Large buttons and easy navigation
- **Fast Loading:** Optimized for mobile networks
- **GPS Integration:** Works seamlessly with mobile location services

🔧 Troubleshooting

Location Detection Issues

- **Permission Denied:** Make sure you clicked "Allow" for location access
- **Inaccurate Location:** GPS may take a moment to get precise coordinates
- **Indoor Usage:** GPS works better near windows or outdoors

Dropdown Issues

- **Counties Not Loading:** Make sure you selected a state first
- **Cities Not Showing:** Ensure both state and county are selected
- **Slow Loading:** Check your internet connection

General Issues

- **Page Not Loading:** Refresh your browser or check internet connection
- **Old Data:** Clear your browser cache and reload
- **Button Not Working:** Make sure JavaScript is enabled

📞 Support & Contact

Need help with Tax Scanner v2? We're here to assist!

Support Resources:

- **Application URL:** https://taxscanner.vercel.app
- **Data Source:** Official Texas Comptroller EDI files
- **Update Frequency:** Quarterly updates from government sources
- **Version:** 0.1.4

Important: Tax rates should be verified for compliance. This tool provides reference information based on official government data.