

## DID YOU KNOW...



Sales taxes are the second largest source of revenue for county government after the property tax.



Sales tax revenue helps pay for critical public services like law enforcement, emergency response, parks and libraries, and education.



Any time you buy something in a store, or order something online and have it delivered to your house, you pay sales tax on that purchase.

## ARE YOU PAYING MORE?

If you live in Harnett County but have a Fuquay-Varina or Holly Springs zip code, you could be paying more because Wake County has a higher sales tax rate than Harnett County. This means not only could your sales tax dollars be going to Wake County, but you could be paying more money for what you buy online.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE 9 DIGIT ZIP CODE?

- ✓ Save money (if you live in a zip code that crosses into Wake County).
- ✓ Help Harnett County get its fair share of sales tax revenues, reducing reliance on other revenue sources like the property tax.
- ✓ Support and improve vital public services like:
  - Schools
  - Law Enforcement and Emergency Response
  - Parks & Recreation
  - Public Libraries
  - Economic Development
  - Health and Human Services

## MORE INFORMATION

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**Harnett**  
**COUNTY**  
NORTH CAROLINA

# COUNTY SALES TAX DOLLARS

**UNDERSTANDING  
THE IMPACT OF  
YOUR PURCHASES**

HELP KEEP YOUR SALES  
TAX DOLLARS IN  
**HARNETT COUNTY**

## WHY IS SALES TAX IMPORTANT?

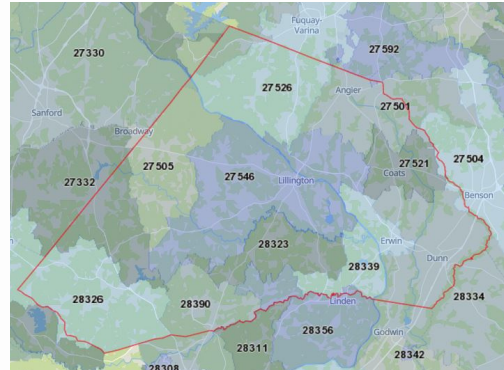
In North Carolina, a portion of the sales tax goes to the County where the item was purchased. When you shop online, a portion of the sales tax goes to the county where the item is delivered. But if you live in a zip code that crosses into another county, the sales tax dollars you pay may be going somewhere else. That means your sales tax dollars could be supporting these important services in other counties instead of where you live.

Harnett County is one of the fastest growing counties in North Carolina – we’ve added nearly 22,000 residents over the last 10 years. This is a big deal because much of the county’s growth is taking place in zip codes that are shared with other counties, meaning neighboring counties could be receiving the sales tax revenue from this growth.

Harnett County is encouraging residents to use their [9 digit zip code](#) to help save money and increase revenues for County services.

## WHICH ZIP CODES OVERLAP?

Six of our seven bordering counties have zip codes that overlap in Harnett County and your sales tax revenue may be supporting these neighboring counties.



- Fuquay-Varina
- Holly Springs
- Spring Lake
- Sanford
- Broadway
- Cameron
- Vass
- Linden
- Benson
- Fayetteville

## WHAT PURCHASES ARE AFFECTED?

- ✓ Online purchases delivered to your home
- ✓ In-store purchases that are delivered to your home
- ✓ Vendors in the overlapping zip codes using only a 5 digit zip code

## WHERE CAN I FIND MY 9 DIGIT ZIP CODE?

The United States Postal Service (USPS) provides a zip code lookup tool where you can enter your address and find your 9 digit zip code. The last four digits can change on a regular basis so be sure to check your 9 digit zip code regularly. Visit the website below or scan the QR code to lookup your 9 digit zip code.



**FIND MY 9 DIGIT ZIP CODE**

<https://tinyurl.com/my9digitzipcode>



## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP...



**Use Your 9 Digit Zip Code.** Using the traditional 5 digit zip code for online purchases could mean your sales tax dollars end up in a neighboring county. The 9-digit zip code provides a more specific location to make sure sales tax dollars end up where they should. And when you order from a vendor, make sure they use the 9 digit zip code for all purchases and assign purchases to Harnett County.



**Shop Local.** The most important thing you can do to make sure the sales tax generated from purchases you make help support services in the county where you live is to support Harnett County businesses. Buy food from grocery stores and eat at restaurants located in Harnett County.