

## **STATE OF ARKANSAS Department of Finance and Administration**

## July 31, 2020

In accordance with the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 26-64-101 et seq., the Department of Finance and Administration has determined the wholesale sales tax on motor fuel (gasoline) and distillate special fuel (clear diesel) for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 to be \$.03 per gallon on wholesale sales of gasoline and \$.06 per gallon on wholesale sales of clear diesel fuel. The total tax rates for gasoline and clear diesel fuels will remain at the existing tax rates of \$.245 per gallon for gasoline and \$.285 per gallon for clear diesel fuel.

The per gallon wholesale sales tax rates have been determined based on the average wholesale selling prices of the fuels during 2019 as published by the Energy Information Administration of the United States Department of Energy for the United States Gulf Coast Region.

The average wholesale sales price for regular grade gasoline during 2019 in the region was \$1.704 per gallon. With the twelve-month average wholesale selling price during 2019 being less than the \$1.864 per gallon twelve-month average wholesale selling price in 2018, a recalculation of the tax rate shall not be made. The wholesale sales tax rate on gasoline for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2020 shall remain at \$.03 per gallon.

The average wholesale sales price for clear diesel fuel during 2019 in the region was \$1.906 per gallon. With the twelve-month average wholesale selling price during 2019 being less than the \$2.071 per gallon twelve-month average wholesale selling price in 2018, a recalculation of the tax rate shall not be made. The wholesale sales tax rate on clear diesel fuel for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2020 shall remain at \$.06 per gallon.

<u>Arkansas Tax Rates – October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021</u> (Total Tax Rates include current Motor Fuel, Special Motor Fuel and Wholesale Sales Taxes)

Gasoline (all grades) \$.245 per gallon

Gasoline Border Zone Areas (all grades) (Based on Existing Neighboring State Tax Rates)

Missouri	\$.21 per gallon
Oklahoma	\$.23 per gallon
Texas	\$.24 per gallon
Louisiana	\$.24 per gallon
Mississippi	\$.22 per gallon
Tennessee	\$.245 per gallon
Clear Diesel	\$.285 per gallon

<u>NOTE:</u> Wholesale distributors and suppliers will add the Petroleum Environment Assurance Fee of \$.003 per gallon to each of the established rates.

Arkansas licensed wholesale gasoline distributors and diesel suppliers must collect, report, and remit the new per gallon tax rates on all fuels sold and delivered to Arkansas retailers and other purchasers beginning on and after October 1, 2020.

Please contact the Department of Finance and Administration's Motor Fuels Tax Section at (501) 682-4800 for additional information.