

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT RULES

The BID Levy

The BID annual levy is billed and collected by Bristol City Council in accordance with Business Improvement District (England) Regulations 2004 and the Local Government Act 2003. The BID levy is used by BID Clifton Village Ltd to fund projects in the BID area.

The BID Levy will be applied to all non-domestic ratepayers whose property falls within the Clifton BID area.

The billing period will run from the 1st November each year to the 31st October of the following year and will run for 5 billing years commencing 1st November 2022.

The BID Levy is a chargeable day levy the chargeable day being the 1 November of each year. It must be paid in a single instalment as detailed on the front of this bill. Please get in touch with the Council if you are having difficulty paying the bill.

BID Levy Calculation

The BID Levy is calculated by multiplying the BID rateable value by the BID multiplier.

The BID Rateable Value

For the purposes of the BID, the rateable value will be that shown on the 2017 Valuation List on the 1st September 2022.

Changes to the Rateable Value

There will be no adjustments to the BID levy during the BID term for changes in rateable value except in the following circumstances: properties removed from the valuation list, or having their rateable value reduced to zero, will be subject to the BID levy up to the next billing period.

New properties, or those where the rateable value is increased from zero, will be subject to the BID levy with effect from the next billing period.

Where changes to properties cause the rateable values to be split or merged, then the BID levy will be re-calculated on the revised value(s) with effect from the next billing period.

The BID Multiplier

The appropriate multiplier shall be 1.5% for all properties within the Clifton BID area.

BID Levy Reductions

No allowance shall be made for those properties that are empty.

Relief will be given to the following classes of property or ratepayer:

1. Properties entered onto the 2017 Valuation List (or where there is no entry on the 2017 List that entered on the subsequent list) as Office, Surgery or Hotels shall be entitled to 50% relief. Auxiliary Defence Establishment shall be entitled to a relief of 75%.

2. Properties where the BID levy payer would be in receipt of charitable mandatory or charitable discretionary business rate relief shall be entitled to relief of 75%.

3. Where a business qualifies for 2 discounts the highest discount available will be allocated, i.e. the business will be charged the lower levy fee.

Liability for the BID Levy

Liability for the BID Levy will fall upon the occupier of the property on all premises with a rateable value of £6,000 and more.

If the property is empty liability will fall upon the person or business entitled to possession of the property. There will be no changes to the BID liability in the billing period ie, the person liable for Business Rates on 1 November each year will be the BID payer for the entire BID billing year.

What we do with your personal data

Your personal data will be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Our privacy notice is online at www.bristol.gov.uk/resources/privacy If you would like a paper copy of our privacy notice please contact us.

A billing leaflet is included with all annual bills. If you wish to view these details on line please visit www.bristol.gov.uk/bid.

HOW TO PAY THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LEVY

BACS -You will need to quote: bank account number **21147183**, sort code **56-00-05** and your account number. A remittance advice must be sent via email to BACSremittance@bristol.gov.uk or by post to the address shown on the front. Please allow 7 days for payment to reach your account.

Debit or credit card - Online at www.bristol.gov.uk/pay or on the 24 hour automated phone line on 0117 90 36402. Quote the first 11 digits only of your account number.

By Post - Please send your cheque to the address on the front, payable to 'Bristol City Council'. Write your account number on the front of the cheque.

HOW TO CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICES

E-Mail: bidsbilling@bristol.gov.uk

You can phone 0117 922 3300 between 8.30am and 6pm. Write to us at Revenues (CH), PO Box 3399, Bristol City Council, Bristol, BS1 9NE.

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