



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER
Ryan Rauschenberger, Commissioner

To: Lignite Sales, Use, and Gross Receipts Tax Permit Holders
From: Office of State Tax Commissioner, Tax Compliance Section
Subject: Lignite Sales, Use, and Gross Receipts Tax
Date: October 31, 2014

Effective January 1, 2015, the city of Lignite has adopted an ordinance to impose a two (2%) city sales, use, and gross receipts tax. The Lignite city tax is in addition to the state sales, use, and gross receipts tax currently in place. In addition to this new tax, the following applies:

- Will be reported under local tax code 236
- Includes no Maximum Tax (Refund Cap)
- No additional exemptions other than allowed by state tax law
- Includes limited liability for contractors (see the Local Option Taxes Guideline for information on this limited exemption:
<http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse/pubs/guide/gl-21847.pdf>)
- Exempts contracts awarded prior to effective date
- Does not provide for permit holder compensation
- No sunset date is provided
- Proceeds are intended for infrastructure, park improvements, and community improvements and business recruitment

The Office of State Tax Commissioner has contracted with the city of Lignite to administer the city sales, use, and gross receipts tax. Tax is computed by multiplying the taxable purchase by the tax rate and carrying the product to the 3rd decimal place. If the 3rd decimal place is 5 or greater, round up; if it is 4 or less, round down. A Local Option Tax Guideline and Rate Charts are available on our website at www.nd.gov/tax.

Effective January 1, 2015, the combined state and city rates within the city limits of Lignite will be as follows:

- General sales and use tax: 7 percent (5% state + 2% city)
- New farm machinery: 5 percent (3% state + 2% city)
- New farm irrigation equipment: 5 percent (3% state + 2% city)
- New mobile homes: 5 percent (3% state + 2% city)
- Lodging:
 - Hotel, Motel and Tourist Court Accommodations, and Bed & Breakfast Accommodations licensed under North Dakota Century Code ch. 23-09.1:
7 percent (5% state + 2% city sales)
- Restaurant (sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages): 7 percent (5% state + 2% city sales)
- Alcoholic Beverages:
 - Off-sale alcoholic beverages: 9 percent (7% state + 2% city gross receipts)
 - On-sale alcoholic beverages: 9 percent (7% state + 2% city gross receipts)

Questions concerning the Lignite city sales, use, and gross receipts tax may be directed to the Office of State Tax Commissioner. You may contact the Office of State Tax Commissioner by phone at 701.328.1246, by e-mail at salestax@nd.gov, or by mail at Office of State Tax Commissioner, Tax Compliance Section, 600 E Boulevard, Dept. 127, Bismarck, ND 58505-0599.