



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

To: Ward County Sales, Use, and Gross Receipts Tax Permit Holders
From: Office of State Tax Commissioner, Tax Compliance Section
Subject: Ward County Sales, Use, and Gross Receipts Tax
Date: July 31, 2015

At the present time, Ward County has a one half percent (1/2%) county sales and use tax in place. **Effective October 1, 2015, Ward County will institute a one half percent (1/2%) gross receipts tax.** Ward County will have a one half percent (1/2%) county sales, use, and gross receipts tax effective October 1, 2015. No additional changes were added. The following applies:

- Maximum Tax (Refund Cap) remains at \$12.50/sale
- Coin-operated vending sales of 99 cents or less are exempt
- Exempt contracts awarded prior to effective date
- Includes limited exemption for contractors (see the Local Option Tax Guideline for information on this limited exemption: <http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse/pubs/guide/gl-21847.pdf>)
- Sunset date is scheduled for December 31, 2022
- No permit holder compensation is included
- Proceeds will be used for payment of project costs and retirement of bonds for the construction of the office building, jail expansion, courthouse, and juvenile detention renovation and infrastructure repairs due to the 2011 flood

The Office of State Tax Commissioner has contracted with Ward County to administer the county 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 October 1, 2015, the combined state and county rates within the county limits of Ward County will be as follows:

- General sales and use tax: (5% state + 1/2% county + appropriate city tax)
- New farm machinery: (3% state + 1/2% county + appropriate city tax)
- New farm irrigation equipment: (3% state + 1/2% county + appropriate city tax)
- New mobile homes: (3% state + 1/2% county + appropriate city tax)
- Lodging:
 - Hotel, Motel and Tourist Court Accommodations, and Bed & Breakfast Accommodations licensed under North Dakota Century Code ch. 23-09.1:
(5% state + 1/2 % county + appropriate city tax + appropriate city lodging tax)
- Restaurant (sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages): (5% state + 1/2% county + appropriate city tax + appropriate city lodging & restaurant tax)
- Alcoholic Beverages:
 - Off-sale alcoholic beverages: (7% state + 1/2% county + appropriate city tax + appropriate city lodging & restaurant tax)
 - On-sale alcoholic beverages: (7% state + 1/2% county + appropriate city tax + appropriate city lodging & restaurant tax)

Questions concerning the Ward County 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.