At the present time, the City of Bismarck has a 1 percent city sales, use, and gross receipts tax. Effective April 1, 2019, the City of Bismarck has adopted an ordinance to continue the 1 percent tax and an ordinance to increase its city sales, use, and gross receipts tax by 0.5 percent. The tax rate for Bismarck starting April 1, 2019, will be 1.5 percent. The following applies:

- The 0.5 percent tax expires 10 years from April 1, 2019 or upon completion of project list
- Maximum tax (refund cap) increases to $37.50/sale while the 0.5 percent ordinance is effective and will return to $25/sale after 0.5 percent ordinance sunsets
- Compensation allowance remains at 3 percent (maximum discount $83.33/month or $250/quarter)
- The tax increase will apply to all contract bids prior to April 1, 2019

The Office of State Tax Commissioner has contracted with the City of Bismarck 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.

Effective April 1, 2019, the combined state and city rates within the city limits of Bismarck will be as follows:

- General sales and use tax: 7 percent (5 percent state + 0.5 percent county + 1.5 percent city)
- New farm machinery: 5 percent (3 percent state + 0.5 percent county + 1.5 percent city)
- New farm irrigation equipment: 5 percent (3 percent state + 0.5 percent county + 1.5 percent city)
- New manufactured homes: 5 percent (3 percent state + 0.5 percent county + 1.5 percent city)
- Lodging:
  - Hotel, Motel and Tourist Court Accommodations, and Bed & Breakfast Accommodations licensed under North Dakota Century Code ch. 23-09.1:
    - 10 percent (5 percent state + 0.5 percent county + 1.5 percent city + 2 percent City Lodging tax + 1 percent City Lodging & Restaurant Tax)
- Restaurant (sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages): 8 percent (5 percent state + 0.5 percent county + 1.5 percent city + 1 percent City Lodging & Restaurant Tax)
- Alcoholic Beverages:
  - Off-sale alcoholic beverages: 9 percent (7 percent state + 0.5 percent county + 1.5 percent city)
  - On-sale alcoholic beverages: 10 percent (7 percent state + 0.5 percent county + 1.5 percent city + 1 percent City Lodging Restaurant Tax)

Questions concerning the Bismarck 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 email at salestax@nd.gov, or by mail at Office of State Tax Commissioner, Sales Tax Compliance Section, 600 E Boulevard, Dept. 127, Bismarck, ND 58505-0599.