State of Alabama
Department of Revenue

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50 North Ripley Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36132

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TO: ALL PERSONS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS making sales at retail and/or purchasing tangible personal property for use, storage, or other consumption in **Escambia (7227) County**

Sections 40-12-04, et seq., **Code of Alabama 1975**, authorize and empower counties to levy a true sales and use tax identical to the State Sales and Use Tax Laws except for the rates of tax and require the Alabama Department of Revenue upon request of the county to collect the tax.

On May 22, 2017, the governing body of Escambia (7227) County adopted Ordinance No. 20170522 (2) levying a sales and use tax **effective July 1, 2017**.

Sales & Use Tax Rates:	**Old Rates**	**New Rates**
General Rate	3.00/4.00%	4.00/5.00%
Admissions to places of amusement and entertainment	3.00/4.00%	4.00/5.00%
Retail selling price of food for human consumption sold through vending machines	3.00/4.00%	4.00/5.00%
Net difference paid for machines, machinery, and equipment used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products	0.50%	1.00%
Machines, parts, and attachments for machines used in manufacturing tangible personal property	0.50%	1.00%
Net difference paid for all automotive vehicles, truck trailers, semi-trailers, and house trailers	0.50%	1.00%
Withdrawal fee for automotive vehicle dealers only	$2.50	$5.00

The Law requires that Escambia (7227) County sales and use taxes be collected, reported and remitted in the same manner as the State sales and use taxes. Escambia (7227) County sales and use taxes are to be included on the electronic local tax return assigned to you (City and County Tax Return, form 9501). Enter the gross amounts and deductions, and all calculations will be done automatically for you. You may file these taxes online through the My Alabama Taxes system at https://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov.

Please direct all questions regarding Escambia (7227) County sales and use taxes to this office:

Alabama Department of Revenue
Sales and Use Tax Division
Post Office Box 327710
Montgomery, Alabama 36132-7710
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RESOLUTION NO. 20170522(2)

PURSUANT TO ACT 2017-272, THIS RESOLUTION LEVIES A PRIVILEGE, LICENSE OR EXCISE TAX AGAINST PERSONS, FIRMS, OR CORPORATIONS STORING, USING, OR OTHERWISE CONSUMING OR ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING AT RETAIL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR CONDUCTING PLACES OF AMUSEMENT IN THE COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA AND PROVIDES FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Pursuant to the provisions Act 2017-272, be it resolved by the County Commission of Escambia County, in the State of Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected as herein provided, a privilege or license tax against the person on account of the business activities and in the amount to be determined by the application of rates against gross sales, or gross receipts, as the case may be, as follows:

(a) Upon every person, firm, or corporation, (including the State of Alabama, the University of Alabama, Auburn University and all other institutions of higher learning in the state, whether such institutions be denominational, state, county or municipal institutions, and any association or other agency or instrumentality of such institutions) engaged or continuing within the County of Escambia in the business of selling at retail any tangible personal property whatsoever, including merchandise and commodities of every kind and character, (not including, however, bonds or other evidences of debts or stocks, nor sale or sales of material and supplies to any person for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting, repair, or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships and other watercraft and commercial fishing vessels of over five (5) tons load displacement as registered with the U. S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the gross proceeds of sales of the business except where a different amount is expressly provided herein. Provided, however, that any person engaging or continuing in business as a retailer and wholesaler or jobber shall pay the tax required on the gross proceeds of retail sales of such business at the rates specified, when his books are kept so as to show separately the gross proceeds of sales of each business, and when his books are not so kept he shall pay the tax as retailer on the gross sales of the business.

(b) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within Escambia County, in the business of conducting, or operating, places of amusement or entertainment, billiard and pool rooms, bowling alleys, amusement devices, musical devices, theaters, opera houses, moving picture shows, vaudevilles, amusement parks, athletic contests, including wrestling matches, prize fights, boxing and wrestling exhibitions, football and baseball games, (including athletic contests, conducted by or under the auspices of any educational institution within the county, or any athletic

association thereof, or other association whether such institution or association be a denominational, a state, or county, or a municipal institution or association or a state, county, or city school, or other institution, association or school), skating rinks, race tracks, golf courses, or any other place at which any exhibition, display, amusement or entertainment is offered to the public or place or places where an admission fee is charged, including public bathing places, public dance halls of every kind and description within the county, an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the gross receipts of any such business. Provided, however, not withstanding any language to the contrary in the prior portion of this subsection, the tax provisions so specified shall not apply to any athletic event conducted by a public or private primary or secondary school. The tax amount which would have been collected pursuant to this subsection shall continue to be collected by said public or private primary or secondary school but shall be retained by the school which collected it and shall be used by said school for school purposes.

(c) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within Escambia County in the business of selling at retail machines used in mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, and manufacturing of tangible personal property, an amount equal to one-half percent (1/2 %) of the gross proceeds of the sale of such machines; provided, that the term "machines," as herein used, shall include machinery which is used for mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, or manufacturing tangible personal property, and the parts of such machines, attachments and replacements therefore which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machines and which are necessary to the operation of such machines and are customarily so used.

(d) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within Escambia County in the business of selling at retail any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies including but not limited to steps, blocks, anchoring, cable pipes and any other materials pertaining thereto an amount equal to one-half percent (1/2%) of the gross proceeds of sale of said automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies provided, however, where a person subject to the tax provided for in this subsection withdraws from his stock in trade any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer for use by him or by his employee or agent in the operation of such business, there shall be paid, in lieu of the tax levied herein, a fee of $2.50 per year or part thereof during which such automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer shall remain the property of such person. Each such year or part thereof shall begin with the day or anniversary date, as the case may be, of such withdrawal and shall run for the twelve succeeding months or part thereof during which such automotive vehicle, truck trailer, or house trailer shall remain the property of such person.

Where any used automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer is taken in trade or in a series of trades, as a credit or part payment on the sale of a new or used vehicle, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used vehicle sold less the credit for the used vehicle taken in trade.

(e) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within Escambia County in the business of selling at retail any machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock or poultry on farms, and the parts of such machines, machinery or equipment, attachments and replacements therefore which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, and which are necessary to and customarily used in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, an amount equal to one-half percent (1/2%) of the gross proceeds of the sale thereof. Provided, however, the one-half percent (1/2%) rate herein prescribed with respect to parts, attachments, and replacements shall not apply to any automotive vehicle or trailer designed primarily for public highway use, except farm trailers used primarily in the production and harvesting of agricultural commodities.

Where any used machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock and poultry on farms is taken in trade or in a series of trades as a credit or part payment on a sale of a new or used machine, machinery or equipment, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used machine, machinery or equipment sold, less the credit for the used machine, machinery or equipment taken in trade.

(f) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within Escambia County in the business of selling through coin-operated dispensing machines, food and food products for human consumption, not including beverages other than coffee, milk, milk products and substitutes therefore, there is hereby levied a tax equal to one percent (1%) of the retail selling price of such food, food products and beverages sold through such machines.

Section 2. Provisions of State Sales Tax Statutes Applicable to this Resolution and Taxes Herein Levied. This resolution and the taxes levied herein shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, proceedings, requirements, provisions, rules and regulations promulgated under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, direct pay permit and drive-out certificate procedures, statute of limitation, discounts, penalties, fines, punishments, and deductions that are applicable to the taxes levied by the State Sales Tax statutes, except where inapplicable or where herein otherwise provided, including all provisions of the State Sales Tax statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes.

Section 3. (a) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in Escambia County, of tangible personal property (not including materials and supplies bought for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting, repairing, or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships and other watercraft and commercial fishing vessels of over five (5) tons load displacement as registered with the U. S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this resolution for storage,

use or other consumption in the county, except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), at the rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of such property.

(b) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in Escambia County, of any machines used in mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, and manufacturing of tangible personal property purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this resolution at the rate of one-half percent (1/2%) of the sales price of any such machine; provided, that the term "machine" as herein used, shall include machinery which is used for mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, or manufacturing tangible personal property, and the parts of such machines, attachments and replacements therefore, which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machines and which are necessary to the operation of such machines and are customarily so used.

(c) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in Escambia County on any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies including but not limited to steps, blocks, anchoring, cable pipes and any other materials pertaining thereto purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this resolution for storage, use or other consumption in Escambia County at the rate of one-half percent (1/2%) of the sales price of such automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies. Where any used automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer is taken in trade or in a series of trades, as a credit or part payment on the sale of a new or used vehicle, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used vehicle sold less the credit for the used vehicle taken in trade.

(d) An excise tax is hereby levied and imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in Escambia County of any machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock or poultry on farms, and the parts of such machines, machinery or equipment, attachments and replacements therefore which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, and which are necessary to and customarily used in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, which is purchased at retail after the effective date of this resolution, for the storage, use or other consumption in Escambia County at the rate of one-half percent (1/2%) of the sales price of such property; regardless of whether the retailer is or is not engaged in the business in this county. Provided, however, the one-half percent (1/2%) rate herein prescribed with respect to parts, attachments, and replacements shall not apply to any automotive vehicle or trailer designed primarily for public highway use, except farm trailers used primarily in the production and harvesting of agricultural commodities. Where any used machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock and poultry on farms is taken in trade or in a series of trades as a credit or part payment on a sale of a new or used machine, machinery or equipment, the tax levied

herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used machine, machinery or equipment sold, less the credit for the used machine, machinery or equipment taken in trade.

Section 4. Provisions of State Use Tax Statutes Applicable to this Resolution and Taxes Herein Levied. This resolution and the taxes levied herein shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, proceedings, requirements, provisions, rules and regulations promulgated under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, direct pay permit and drive-out certificate procedures, statute of limitation, discounts, penalties, fines, punishments, and deductions that are applicable to the taxes levied by the State Use Tax statutes, except where inapplicable or where herein otherwise provided, including all provisions of the State Use Tax statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes.

Section 5. Use of Proceeds. The proceeds from the tax herein levied remaining after payment of the costs of collecting said tax, including all charges of the administration for such collection shall be paid one hundred percent (100%) to the Escambia County general fund for general county purposes.

Section 6. Severability. Each and every provision of this resolution is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this resolution would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid.

Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective on the first day of July, 2017, and the first payment of taxes hereunder shall be due and payable on the twentieth day of August, 2017.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of May, 2017.

Raymond Wiggins
County Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

Tony Sanks
County Administrator