

+ CHANGES IN HOME RULE SALES TAX IN BLOOMINGTON
 Summary: Beginning with your September 1 sales,
 you will report your home rule sales tax to state.

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|TO:| ALL RETAILERS AND
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 CONDUCTING
 BUSINESS IN
 BLOOMINGTON

This is to remind you that, beginning with sales you make sales on September 1, 1990, you will report and send to us both the home rule sales tax you collect and the state sales tax you have been collecting. These rates will be combined and preprinted on your Form ST-1, Sales and Use Tax Return.

HAS THE HOME RULE SALES TAX RATE CHANGED?

No change has occurred in Bloomington's 0.5 percent home rule sales tax rate for GENERAL MERCHANDISE. Therefore, the combined general merchandise rate will be 6.75 percent.

You will report receipts from this general merchandise tax on line 4a on the ST-1. Your preprinted return will show the correct combined rate.

In addition, no change has occurred in Bloomington's 0.5 percent home rule sales tax rate for qualifying food, drugs and medical appliances. Therefore, the combined food and drug rate will be 1.5 percent.

You will report receipts from this food and drug tax on line 5a on the ST-1. Your preprinted return will show the correct combined rate.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN A CUSTOMER PAYS ME AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 FOR A PURCHASE MADE EARLIER AT A DIFFERENT RATE?

If the original purchase was made at a different tax rate from those rates in Line 4a and 5a, you must report these receipts on Line 8a of the ST-1.

WHAT'S NEW FOR AUTO DEALERS?

If you sell cars or other items that require a title, you should pay special attention. The home rule tax does not apply to these sales, and receipts from these sales will continue to be and taxed at the current rate of 6.25 percent when reported on Form ST-556.

However, the rate of 6.75 percent reported on Form ST-1 will apply to receipts from sales of general merchandise, such as the parts you sell over the counter and the parts you use during service of motor vehicles and airplanes.

Also, Bloomington has a 0.5 percent vehicle HOME RULE USE tax. The municipality is responsible for collecting this tax. Call Mr. Ronald Hill, Finance Director, at (309) 454-2444 if you need information about the home rule use tax.

WHAT'S BEING TAXED? + Quarterly filers

The home rule sales tax You will have two

has the same BASE for general merchandise as the state tax you are already familiar with. (The base refers to those items that are taxed. Any item that is exempt from state tax will also be exempt from this home rule tax.)

returns for the third quarter. The return for July and August will be preprinted with the lower rates, and a return for September will be preprinted with the higher combined rates. The due date for both returns is October 31, 1990.

DO I CHARGE HOME RULE TAX TO ILLINOIS CUSTOMERS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE MY HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY?

+ Annual filers

You will have two returns. The return for January through August will be preprinted with the lower rates, and a return for September through December will be preprinted with the higher combined rates. The due date for both returns is January 31, 1991.

Effective September 1, 1990, you will charge home rule tax on your sales (except sales reported on Form ST-556) regardless of your Illinois customer's address or the sale's point of delivery within this state.

QUESTIONS?

WHAT ARE MY SPECIAL FILING INSTRUCTIONS?

If you have questions or need more information, please call or write us. Our telephone numbers and address are listed at the bottom of this bulletin.

+ Monthly filers

Your September return will be the first return to have combined rates. The due date is October 31, 1990, for the return for September 1990.

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FOR INFORMATION

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