

■ Home Rule Sales Tax in Chicago Ridge

TO: All Retailers and Servicepersons Conducting Business in Chicago Ridge

Effective October 1, 1994, Chicago Ridge has imposed home rule sales tax.

It may be necessary to adjust your cash registers and any computer programs you use so that, beginning on October 1, you will be collecting and paying the correct amounts.

The home rule sales tax rate is part of the combined rate which is preprinted on your Form ST-1, Sales and Use Tax Return and, for multiple-site filers, your Form ST-2, Multiple Site Form.

What's being taxed?

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

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

Food, drugs, and medical appliances are exempt from home rule sales tax. (The term "food" here refers to food not for immediate consumption, such as most food purchased at a grocery store.)

What is the tax rate?

Chicago Ridge's new home rule sales tax rate is **0.25 percent** on general merchandise.

This rate will be combined with the current rate of 7.75 percent for a total general merchandise rate of **8 percent**.

What do I do when a customer pays me after October 1 for a purchase delivered earlier at a different rate?

If the original purchase was subject to a different tax rate from the rate in Line 4a of Form ST-1, you must report these receipts on Line 8a.

What's new for those who file Form ST-556, Sales Tax Transaction Return?

If you sell cars or other items that are required to be reported on Form ST-556, you should pay special attention. The home rule sales tax **does not** apply to these sales, and receipts from these sales will continue to be taxed at the current rate preprinted on your Form ST-556.

However, the rate preprinted on Forms ST-1 and ST-2 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, watercraft, aircraft, trailers, and mobile homes.

What are my special filing instructions?

■ **Monthly filers**

Your October return will be preprinted with the new combined rates reflecting the changes in the home rule rates. The due date is November 20, 1994, for the October 1994 return.

■ **Quarterly filers**

Your fourth quarter return (for October through December) will be preprinted with the new rates. The due date is January 20, 1995.

■ **Annual filers**

You will have two returns. The return for January through September will be preprinted with the former rates, and a return for October through December will be preprinted with the new rates. The due date for both returns is January 20, 1995.

Questions?

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



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