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USE TAX QUESTION ON NOVEMBER 6TH BALLOT



Aside from the national, state and county office elections, there are two questions on the ballot, one for the City and one for the County, asking voters to consider a local use tax.

Why is it on the Ballot?

For 50 or so years, Missouri, through its license offices, would collect sales tax on vehicles at the time it was licensed. However, in March of this year, a court ruling was issued saying that sales tax would be collected on vehicles and licensed equipment purchased within the state of Missouri, but if bought outside of the state of Missouri, the buyer did not have to pay the local sales tax. You still pay the state tax.

This ruling has caused several problems

First, it eliminates the ability of our local vendors to compete with out of state vendors

Second, since Kirkville and Adair County are within easy driving distance to the states of Iowa and Illinois it encourages our citizens to shop elsewhere.

Third, it reduces the available revenues that both the City and County have for important services. For the City it is an estimated annual loss of \$127,000 that will affect our police, fire and street maintenance services. This is serious money. This is enough money to patch 5,000 potholes; or replace our entire fleet of police cars; or make an annual payment on a new fire truck.

What is a use tax?

A use tax replaces the local sales tax that is lost on goods or materials that are purchased out-of-state – anything from motor vehicles, boats, trailers and outboard motors, steel to lumber, computers to fax machines, chemicals to sheet rock, or office furniture to loading ramps. It is called a “use tax” because the out-of-state goods or materials are shipped into Missouri and “used” by the purchaser.

Who pays the local use tax?

Use tax is commonly paid by construction contractors and businesses purchasing supplies and taxable equipment from Out-of-State plus individuals making large or frequent mail order/internet purchases and the items are used or consumed in the City of Kirkville. Contractors and businesses generally file Use Tax returns quarterly. Only those individuals who purchase items in excess of \$2,000 in a calendar year outside our State and are brought in or “used” within the city limits of Kirkville. The majority of Kirkville consumers will not be affected by the collection of a “Use Tax”. The average consumer ordering from a catalog company will pay relatively little, if any, use tax. Those exceeding the \$2,000 limit are large-scale purchasers, primarily big business and industry. However, if the purchase is on raw materials used for manufacture and resale, then business and industry do not pay the use tax.

Why do we need it?

The use tax is designed to eliminate the unfair economic advantage that interstate sellers (those who sell across state lines) have over hometown merchants. It's a pro-Missouri tax! By having a local Use Tax, it levels the playing field with Out-of-State businesses. Local businesses are forced to do business at a competitive disadvantage because they have to collect taxes that some Out-of-State business do not.

Currently the **State of Missouri collects a state use tax at the rate of 4.225%.**

The City of Kirkville rate, once the use tax is approved, would be the same as **our sales tax rate of 2.25% which goes to pay for direct, local services.**

FALL APPLIANCE PICKUP SCHEDULED

The City of Kirkville is offering the opportunity for residents to dispose of household appliances, free of charge, regardless of whether it contains Freon. The actual pickup of appliances will be done by Perfect Metals USA LLC during the week of November 12-16. Household appliances that will be eligible for pickup include: Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, Ovens, Air Conditioning Units, Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers, Furnaces, Hot Water Heaters and Space Heaters.

Citizens should call Perfect Metals USA LLC at 665-8000 to schedule a pickup for their appliances during the week of November 12-16.

CAPE AIR ANNOUNCES NEW SCHEDULE

Cape Air recently adjusted their schedule of flights from the Kirksville Regional Airport to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport to better handle the demands of travelers. The new schedule features two flights on Saturday and four flights on Sunday to allow for more flexibility for travelers. Fares between Kirksville and St. Louis are \$50 each way including all taxes and fees and are available at <http://www.capeair.com>.

Reservations may be made by visiting the Cape Air City Ticket Office (CTO) at 102 E. Washington Street, Kirksville, MO, by calling the CTO at (660) 665-3057 or by calling the reservations center at 1-866-Cape-Air.

TROUT FISHING SEASON OPENS

Spur Pond was recently restocked with trout in preparation of the Catch and Release Season in Missouri which runs from November 1st to January 31st. Please keep the following information in mind when heading out to fish: Trout must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught; only flies, artificial and soft plastic baits (unscented) may be used for all species of fish; a Fishing Permit is required, but a Trout Permit is *not required* during the catch and release season. Most importantly—Have Fun!

For more information regarding fishing regulations, please visit the Missouri Department of Conservation's website at www.mdc.mo.gov, or call 785-2420.



Cape Air Schedule Effective 10/15/2012

Monday to Friday			
Kirksville to St Louis		St Louis to Kirksville	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
6:00 AM	7:05 AM	10:15 AM	11:20 AM
12:15 PM	1:20 PM	1:50PM	2:55 PM
3:50 PM	4:55 PM	5:40 PM	6:45 PM

Saturday			
Kirksville to St Louis		St Louis to Kirksville	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
7:00 AM	8:05 AM	11:15 AM	12:20 PM
1:25 PM	2:30 PM	6:00 PM	7:05 PM

Sunday			
Kirksville to St Louis		St Louis to Kirksville	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
9:35 AM	10:40 AM	11:05 AM	12:10 PM
1:05 PM	2:10 PM	2:35 PM	3:40 PM
4:35 PM	5:40 PM	5:15 PM	6:20 PM
7:15 PM	8:20 PM	6:35 PM	7:40 PM

Let us serve you:

Airport	665-5020
Aquatic Center	627-7665
Business Licenses	627-1251
City Manager	627-1225
Codes/Inspections	627-1272
Community Service Dir	627-1224
Economic Development	627-1224
Engineering	627-1272
Fire Department	665-3734
Municipal Court	627-1237
Parks & Recreation	627-1485
Police Department	785-6945
Public Works	627-1291
Water/Sewer Bills	627-1251
Veolia Trash Service	800-778-7652

PARKING REMINDERS

The City receives numerous complaints relating to parking problems each year. The Police Department would like to remind everyone to please park appropriately. In addition to legal penalties, remember the impact violations have on others.

Some of the more common complaints involve:

- Parking where signs (or yellow zones) prohibit
- Parking on a sidewalk (with any part of your vehicle)
- Parking further than 18" from the curb
- Parking facing the wrong direction
- Parking in front of someone's driveway
- Parking that obstructs traffic
- Parking within an intersection or crosswalk

If you observe any of these violations (or any others), and you would like the Department to hold the violator accountable, do not hesitate to call. The non-emergency number for the Dispatch Center is 665-5621. The hope is that this request will result in voluntary compliance. However, based on the number of complaints received in recent weeks, the Department is planning to step up its parking enforcement.