



Informational

Bulletin

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Sales Tax Rate Change Summary

To: All retailers and servicepersons conducting business in taxing jurisdictions whose sales tax rate is changing effective January 1, 2012

This bulletin supersedes Informational Bulletin FY 2012-03.

On Page 2, Melrose Park has been added to the list.

This bulletin is written to inform you of recent changes; it does not replace statutes, rules and regulations, or court decisions.

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Effective **January 1, 2012**, certain taxing jurisdictions have imposed a local sales tax or changed their local sales tax rate on general merchandise sales. The following taxes are affected:

- home rule sales tax
- non-home rule sales tax
- business district sales tax
- county home rule tax
- county school facility tax

These local sales taxes are referred to in this bulletin as “locally imposed sales tax.”

You must adjust your cash register and any computer program so that beginning on January 1, 2012, you will collect and pay the correct sales tax. You need to contact your software vendor if you use software to create your forms.

To verify your new combined sales tax rate (*i.e.*, state and local sales taxes), go to the **Tax Rate Finder** on our website at tax.illinois.gov and select rates for January 2012.

What is taxed?

The same items of general merchandise reported on Line 4a of Forms ST-1 and ST-2 that are subject to state sales tax are also subject to the locally imposed sales tax.

Locally imposed sales tax does **not** apply to

- sales of qualifying food, drugs, and medical appliances¹ that are reported on Line 5a of Forms ST-1 and ST-2; or,
- items that must be titled or registered by an agency of Illinois state government and reported on Form ST-556, Sales Tax Transaction Return

Note: Some jurisdictions may impose and administer taxes **not** collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Contact your municipal or county clerk's office for more information.

How do I report an earlier sale that was subject to a different tax rate?

If a sale was subject to a sales tax rate different from the current sales tax rate, report this sale on Line 8a.²

Note: Line 8a is used only to report sales subject to a different sales tax rate. No other use of Line 8a is permitted.

¹ 86 Ill. Adm. Code 130.310 and 130.311.

² 86 Ill. Adm. Code 130.101 (a)

Where can I find tax rate changes or combined sales tax rates?

The chart below outlines the sales tax rate for each jurisdiction that has imposed a change in local sales tax rates effective January 1, 2012. For a complete list of all sales tax rates, go to the **Tax Rate Finder** on our website at tax.illinois.gov.

How do I know if my sales are subject to a business district sales tax?

Your business address determines whether business district sales tax applies to your sales. Refer to our **Tax Rate Finder** on our website at tax.illinois.gov for a list of addresses.

To verify a tax rate or business district address, select **January 2012** on the **Tax Rate Finder**.

Sales Tax Rate Changes for Sales of General Merchandise				
Jurisdiction	Combined rate as of December 31, 2011	Rate Change	NEW Combined rate as of January 1, 2012	Type of tax change
Municipalities				
Addison (DuPage County)	8.00%	+0.25%	8.25%	Home Rule
Belleville (St. Clair County)				
• Inside Carlyle /Green Mount Business District	8.85%	+0.25%	9.10%	Home Rule
• Inside Frank Scott Parkway Bus. Dist.	8.85%	+0.25%	9.10%	Home Rule
• Inside The Parkway North Bus. Dist.	8.85%	+0.25%	9.10%	Home Rule
• Inside RT 15/South Green Mount Road Business District	8.85%	+0.25%	9.10%	Home Rule
• Outside Business Districts	7.85%	+0.25%	8.10%	Home Rule
Cortland (DeKalb County)	6.25%	+1.00%	7.25%	Non-Home Rule
East Peoria (Tazewell County)				
• Inside Farm Creek Area Bus. Dist.	8.00%	+1.00%	9.00%	Business District
• Outside Business District	8.00%	No change	8.00%	
Fairview Heights (St. Clair County)				
• Inside Shoppes at St. Clair Square Business District	8.35%	+0.50%	8.85%	Home Rule
• Outside Business District	7.85%	+0.50%	8.35%	Home Rule
Gilberts (Kane County)	7.00%	+1.00%	8.00%	Non-Home Rule
Johnston City (Williamson County)	7.25%	+1.50%	8.75%	Home Rule
Joliet (Kendall County)	8.50%	+0.50%	9.00%	Home Rule
Joliet (Will County)	8.25%	+0.50%	8.75%	Home Rule
Melrose Park (Cook County)	9.50%	+0.25% ³	9.50% ⁴	Home Rule
Mount Prospect (Cook County)				
• Inside Mount Prospect Business District #1	9.50%	+0.25%	9.50% ⁵	Business District
• Outside Business District	9.50%	See Cook County (Page 3)	See Page 4	

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New Lenox (Will County)	8.00%	+0.50%	8.50%	Home Rule
Peoria Heights (Peoria County)	7.75%	+0.50%	8.25%	Home Rule
Peoria Heights (Tazewell County)	7.75%	+0.50%	8.25%	Home Rule
Peoria Heights (Woodford County)	8.25%	+0.50%	8.75%	Home Rule
Peru (LaSalle County)	7.00%	+0.50%	7.50%	Home Rule
West Peoria (Peoria County)	6.75%	+0.50%	7.25%	Non-Home Rule
Winnebago (Winnebago County)	7.25%	+1.00%	8.25%	Non-Home Rule
Wood River (Madison County)				
• Inside Westside Business District	6.85%	+1.00%	7.85%	Business District
• Inside Riverbend Bus. Dist. #3	7.85%	No change	7.85%	
• Outside Business Districts	6.85%	No change	6.85%	
Yorkville (Kendall County)				
• Inside United City of Yorkville				Non-Home Rule
• Kendall Marketplace Business Dist.	7.75%	+1.00%	8.75%	
• Outside Business District	7.25%	+1.00%	8.25%	Non-Home Rule
Counties⁶				
Cook County	See next page	-0.25%	See next page	County Home Rule
Franklin County	See next page	+1.00%	See next page	County School
Logan County	See next page	+1.00%	See next page	County School

³ Effective January 1, 2012, Melrose Park is repealing its 1% non-home rule sales tax and simultaneously imposing a 1.25% home rule sales tax.

⁴ Effective January 1, 2012, the combined sales tax rate for Melrose Park will be 9.50%. The rate is computed as follows: effective rate as of December 31, 2011 - non-home rule tax repeal + home rule tax imposition - Cook County Home Rule decrease. (9.50% - 1.00% (non-home rule tax) + 1.25% (home rule tax) - 0.25% (Cook County Home Rule) = 9.50%)

⁵ Effective January 1, 2012, the combined sales tax rate for Mount Prospect Business District #1 will be 9.50%. The rate is computed as follows: effective rate as of December 31, 2011+ business district tax rate increase - Cook County Home Rule decrease. (9.50% + 0.25% (business district tax) - 0.25% (Cook County Home Rule) = 9.50%)

⁶ This tax is imposed county-wide, in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county.

Locations in Cook County		
If your rate as of 12/31/11 is	Rate Decrease -0.25%	Your rate as of 1/1/12 will be
8.50%	-0.25%	8.25%
8.75%	-0.25%	8.50%
9.00%	-0.25%	8.75%
9.25%	-0.25%	9.00%
9.50%	-0.25%	9.25%
9.75%	-0.25%	9.50%
10.00%	-0.25%	9.75%
10.25%	-0.25%	10.00%
10.50%	-0.25%	10.25%
10.75%	-0.25%	10.50%
11.00%	-0.25%	10.75%
11.25%	-0.25%	11.00%
11.50%	-0.25%	11.25%
11.75%	-0.25%	11.50%
12.00%	-0.25%	11.75%
12.25%	-0.25%	12.00%
12.50%	-0.25%	12.25%

Locations in Franklin and Logan Counties		
If your rate as of 12/31/11 is	Rate increase +1.00%	Your rate as of 1/1/12 will be
6.25%	1.00%	7.25%
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6.75%	1.00%	7.75%
7.00%	1.00%	8.00%
7.25%	1.00%	8.25%
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