

City of White Plains Sales and Use Tax Rate Increase Effective June 1, 2010

Attention:

All persons required to collect sales tax, pay compensating use tax, or both: The city of White Plains, located in Westchester County, has enacted legislation to increase its local sales and use tax rate. **As of June 1, 2010, the combined state and local tax rate imposed in the city of White Plains is increased to 8³/₈%.** This change will affect your tax collections and payments if you make taxable sales or deliveries to customers, or if you make taxable uses, in the city of White Plains.

Therefore, beginning June 1, 2010, **all taxable sales and uses in the city of White Plains are subject to tax at the 8³/₈% rate,** except as otherwise provided by the special transitional provisions below.

Reporting requirements

All taxable sales made within the city of White Plains reported on sales and use tax returns Form ST-100, Form ST-101, and Form ST-810, must be reported on the White Plains (city) 8³/₈% entry line.

All **Schedule B** filers reporting sales of **nonresidential** gas, propane in containers of 100 pounds or more, electricity, refrigeration, and steam in the White Plains School District (S. D.) must enter this information on Schedule B, Part 3, on the White Plains S. D. 11³/₈% entry line.

The city of White Plains tax increase effective June 1, 2010, **does not affect** the rate of tax imposed on sales or uses of **residential energy sources and services** in the White Plains S. D.

All **Schedule H** filers reporting sales within the city of White Plains of clothing and footwear eligible for exemption must enter this information on the White Plains (city) 4³/₈% entry line.

All **Schedule T** filers reporting sales within the city of White Plains of telephone services, telephone answering services, and telegraph services in the White Plains S. D. must enter this information on Schedule T on the White Plains S. D. 11³/₈% entry line.

All **Schedule FR** filers reporting retail sales of motor fuel and diesel motor fuel must enter this information as instructed on the schedule.

Special transitional provisions

All sales and uses occurring on or after June 1, 2010, are taxed at the rate of 8³/₈%, except:

(a) Layaway sales

Receipts may be reported at the lower rate of 4¹/₈% only if the following conditions are met:

- (1) before February 1, 2010, a written agreement was made and the item sold was segregated from other similar property in the possession of the vendor; and
- (2) before June 1, 2010, the purchaser has paid at least 10% of the sales price.

(b) Utility bills for nonresidential gas and electricity based on meter readings

If the meter is read on or after June 1, 2010, and the number of days from June 1, 2010, to the date of the meter reading is more than half the total number of days covered by the bill, report sales of these services at the higher rate of 11³/₈%.

(c) Telephone bills

Report charges for services furnished on or after the date of the first bill dated in June 2010 at the higher rate of 11³/₈%. Report charges for services furnished before the date of the first bill dated in June 2010 at the lower rate of 11¹/₈%, even though the services may be furnished after June 1, 2010.

(d) Telephone answering services

Prorate receipts that cover a period beginning before and ending after June 1, 2010. Receipts for the period prior to June 1, 2010, must be reported at the lower rate of 11¹/₈%. Report receipts for the period on and after June 1, 2010, at the higher rate of 11³/₈%.

(e) Social and athletic club dues

Regardless of the date a bill is mailed, report all bills covering any period that begins on or after June 1, 2010, at the higher rate of 8³/₈%. Report all bills covering periods that begin before June 1, 2010, at the lower rate of 8¹/₈%.

(f) Admissions

Report taxable admissions to an event occurring on or after June 1, 2010, at the higher rate of 8³/₈%, whether or not the admission charge was paid before that date, unless the tickets were sold and delivered before June 1, 2010, to the person attending the event.

(g) Hotel occupancy

Report all taxable daily rentals occurring on or after June 1, 2010, at the higher rate of 8³/₈%. Report all taxable daily rentals occurring before June 1, 2010, at the lower rate of 8¹/₈%. If the rental is on other than a daily basis, prorate the amount of rent between the number of days taxable at the higher rate and the number of days taxable at the lower rate.

(h) Pre-existing lump sum or unit price construction contracts

Contractors purchasing materials in the city of White Plains for use in construction contracts pay the rate of 8¹/₈% on purchases made before June 1, 2010, and 8³/₈% on purchases made on or after that date. Contractors who irrevocably entered into a pre-existing lump sum or unit price construction contract before May 10, 2010 (the date on which the city of White Plain’s local legislation was adopted), may receive a credit or refund of the additional ¼% city sales and use tax paid on or after June 1, 2010. This credit or refund applies only to purchases of tangible personal property used solely in the performance of such contract.

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