
State of South Carolina
Department of Revenue
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SC INFORMATION LETTER #03-10

SUBJECT: Transportation Tax for Charleston County
 (Sales and Use Tax)

DATE: April 17, 2003

MODIFIES: SC Information Letter #03-7

REFERENCE: S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-37-30 et. seq. (Supp. 2002)

AUTHORITY: S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-4-320 (Supp. 2000)
 SC Revenue Procedure #03-1

SCOPE: An Information Letter is a written statement issued to the public by the Department to announce general information useful in complying with the laws administered by the Department. An Information Letter has no precedential value, and is not binding on the public or the Department.

This information letter serves to advise you not to begin collecting the .5% Transportation tax on May 1, 2003. In addition, it modifies SC Information Letter #03-7 with respect to the imposition of the .5% Transportation tax in Charleston County.

On April 3, 2003 information concerning Charleston County's new .5% Transportation tax was sent to retailers notifying them that effective May 1, 2003 the .5% Transportation tax will be imposed in Charleston County. **Due to a recent South Carolina Supreme Court order, Charleston County cannot start collection of the Transportation tax on May 1, 2003.** The collection of this tax has been halted to allow the Supreme Court time to hear the issues regarding the legality of imposing the tax.

As a result, all sales made in or delivered to Charleston County will continue to be subject to 6% sales and use tax (or 8% accommodations tax). The 1% Local Option tax must continue to be reported by municipality.

Once there is a final decision concerning the collection of the .5% Transportation tax, the Department of Revenue will announce the decision on its website at www.sctax.org and by mailing a notice to registered retailers. The Department requests that taxpayers visit the "What's New Section" on our website periodically for updates on this issue.

If you have questions on how to report your sales, please call the Department of Revenue Charleston Taxpayer Service Center at (843) 852-3600 or the Columbia office at (803) 898-5788.