## State of South Carolina Department of Revenue

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE** EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013

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TO: Retailers Located In or Making Sales to Orangeburg County

FROM: South Carolina Department of Revenue

RE: Capital Projects Tax for Orangeburg County

Effective April 1, 2013 Orangeburg County "re-imposes" its 1% Capital Projects Tax.

Orangeburg County's current Capital Projects tax will expire on March 31, 2013. Orangeburg County will impose a new capital projects tax that will take effect on April 1, 2013. As a result, the new 1% capital projects tax will exempt sales or purchases of unprepared food in Orangeburg County from the 1% capital projects and the 6% state sales and use tax rate.

However, all other sales or purchases will be subject to the state and local sales and use tax rate unless specifically exempt from the state or local tax rate.

## Foods which may be purchased with food stamps are exempt. This unprepared food exemption applies to everyone, not just people using food stamps.

Foods which may be purchased with food stamps and are exempt from the 1% capital projects tax include:

- Any food intended to be eaten at home by people, including snacks
- Seeds and plants intended to grow food (not flower seeds or bird seed)
- · Cold prepared items, such as salads or sandwiches, intended to be eaten at home

Items which are not eligible to be purchased with food stamps and are, therefore, subject to the 6% state and the 1% capital projects sales and use tax rate are:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco
- Hot foods ready to eat
- Foods designed to be heated in the store
- Hot or cold food to be eaten at a lunch counter, in a dining area or anywhere else in the store
- Vitamins or medicines
- Pet food
- Any non-food items such as tissue, soap or other household goods

For more detailed information on this food exemption, see SC Regulation 117-337 and SC Informational Letter 12-1.

If you have questions concerning reporting of sales, please call one of the following Taxpayer Service Centers:

Columbia Main Office Columbia Field Collections Charleston Service Center Florence Service Center Greenville Service Center Myrtle Beach Service Center Rock Hill Service Center 803-898-5000 803-898-5200 843-852-3600 843-661-4850 864-241-1200 843-839-2960 803-324-7641