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Temporary 0.5 Percent 911 Sales Tax Sunsets September 30th at Midnight

The temporary 0.5 percent 911 sales tax sunsets at midnight on September 30, 2020. Therefore, on October 1, 2020, the countywide two year 0.5 percent sales tax increase to support improvements to the county 911 communications system will no longer be in effect. This temporary 0.5 percent sales tax increase was vital in promoting the general health and safety of those in Tuscarawas County. Funds generated by the sales tax were used to upgrade the 911 system, and were not used on any wages or benefits. Requesting the 0.5 percent sales tax increase for a two year period was not an issue the Tuscarawas County Commissioners took lightly. As a Board, the Commissioners are grateful to the voters of Tuscarawas County for providing us the means to move forward in updating our County 911 System.

County vendors must take appropriate steps to have cash registers reprogrammed for the October 1st change, as there will be no automatic notification sent from the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Vendors who need a new sales tax chart may call the county auditor's office at 330-365-3220. Vendors also may request email notification of sales tax changes at tax.ohio.gov.

A rate chart is also available from the Ohio Department of Taxation's website at https://tax.ohio.gov/static/sales_and_use/rate_schedules/675_rate_card.pdf

The sales tax increase was for a two year period, and will no longer be in effect starting October 1, 2020. “As a board we want to thank the voters of Tuscarawas County for entrusting the commissioners with their approval of the temporary 0.5 percent sales tax. As promised to the voters the temporary 0.5 percent sales tax will expire at the end of the two-year period on September 30th 2020, thus reducing the rate from the current 7.25% to 6.75% (5.75% State of Ohio, 1% Tuscarawas County) beginning October 1, 2020. We again, thank the voters for the opportunity in providing the necessary means to replace and continue safety upgrades to the 911 system for the next several years. As we move forward residents are assured that the most up to date safety equipment is in place for their protection” said Chris Abbuhl, President of the Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners.