



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Sales and Use Tax Bureau

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NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE STARKVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION TAX FOR THE CITY OF STARKVILLE

House Bill 1565, as passed during the 2019 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, authorizes a special tax to be levied on certain businesses located in the corporate limits of the City of Starkville, Mississippi. The Bill levies a one percent (1%) tax on gross proceeds of room rentals on each such hotels and motels, exclusive of charges for food, telephone, laundry, beverages and similar charges, in the City of Starkville and a one percent (1%) tax on the gross proceeds of sales of prepared food, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages at restaurants within the City of Starkville. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen adopted, by resolution, their intent to levy said tax on June 4, 2019. The effective date of the imposition shall be August 1, 2019. This special tax may be cited as the Starkville Parks and Recreation Tax.

This special tax is levied at the rate of one percent (1%) on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels in the City of Starkville and the rate of one percent (1%) on the gross proceeds of sales of restaurants within the City of Starkville.

***** Note – The Starkville Hotel-Motel Tax remains in effect for two percent (2%) on hotels and motels in the city limits of the City of Starkville. Hotels and motels within the City of Starkville will collect the two percent (2%) The Starkville Hotel-Motel Tax and the one percent (1%) for the Starkville Parks and Recreation Tax in addition to the regular seven percent (7%) retail rate of tax for a total of ten percent (10%).**

***** Note - The Starkville Economic Development Tourism and Convention Tax also remains in effect for two percent (2%) on restaurants within the City of Starkville. Restaurants within the City of Starkville will collect the two percent (2%) Starkville Economic Development Tourism and Convention Tax and the one percent (1%) Starkville Parks and Recreation Tax in addition to the seven percent (7%) retail rate of tax for a total of ten percent (10%).**

For purposes of this levy, the terms "hotel" or "motel" means any establishment engaged in providing rooms intended or designed for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes to transient guests.

For purposes of this levy, the term "restaurant" means any place where prepared food and beverages are sold for consumption, whether such food is sold for consumption on the premises or not. The term "restaurant" does not include any school, hospital, or convalescent or nursing home, or restaurant-like facilities operated by or in connection with a school, hospital, medical clinic, or convalescent or nursing home providing food for students, patients, visitors or their families.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOTELS: Beginning August 1, 2019, continue collecting the seven percent (7%) sales tax using rate code 74. Continue collecting the two percent (2%) on hotels and motels using rate code 99. In addition, you should begin collecting the additional one percent (1%) on hotels and motels using rate code 91.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESTAURANTS: Beginning August 1, 2019, continue collecting the seven percent (7%) sales tax using rate code 74. Continue collecting the two percent (2%) on restaurants using rate code 92. In addition, you should begin collecting the additional one percent (1%) on restaurants using rate code 89.