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# Press Release

## Troup County to Participate in Sales and Use Tax Data Program – Encourages cities to also

### Troup to Partner with State DOR to ensure collections

Lagrange, GA, January 14, 2011: Troup County Board of Commissioners will consider the County Government's participation with the State Department of Revenue to ensure local businesses are appropriately registered and compliant with the State to remit sales and use taxes.

Georgia's local governments have long been critical of the State in its sales tax collection and distribution. This is considered a promising sign of improvement. The Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association are encouraging their member governments to participate. Clint Mueller with ACCG says, "Nobody wants to pay more than their fair share of taxes. If a business fails to collect sales taxes that are legally owed, it has an unfair competitive advantage over the businesses that are fulfilling their legal obligation. It also shifts more tax burden onto the backs of property owners that have to pay more to compensate for the reduced sales tax revenues." Property taxes are 'rolled back' based on the amount of sales and use tax revenue. Currently, 28 other counties have announced plans to participate in the program including Muscogee/Columbus and Chattahoochee counties in west Georgia.

Troup collects a total of three cents sales and use tax. All four local governments split a one cent local option sales tax (LOST) for operations, a special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) funds various capital projects and an educational one cent tax goes towards schools. Businesses are responsible for collecting the taxes and remitting them to the State Department of Revenue's Sales Tax Division. So to help ensure local businesses understand their part, Troup County will begin requiring businesses who are required to have sales tax ID's to provide those along with other information when they get their occupation (business) or regulatory licenses. That information is also required for personal property reporting forms that were mailed to businesses recently. Failure to provide the information on personal property forms (PT-50P) could result in penalties. The second key information is the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) code.

County Government officials have reached out to officials at all three cities and are hopeful that all local municipalities will also participate. The County's office of Governmental Services will coordinate efforts to fully participate in the program.

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Troup will compare registrations between business license and personal property returns. Businesses should make sure they have a current occupation license and sales tax certificate. Businesses that neglect to obtain an Occupation License and report personal property annually are subject to a 10% penalty.

For a State Sales Tax Certification number, please contact the Georgia Department of Revenue to determine if your business is required to have one, or to apply:

Georgia Sales Tax Contact

Ronald Johnson, Jr., Manager II  
1800 Century Blvd, Room 7100  
Atlanta, GA 30345  
Phone 1-877-GADOR11 (1-877-423-6711)  
[Taxpayer.services@dor.ga.gov](mailto:Taxpayer.services@dor.ga.gov)

Regional Sales Tax Contact

Columbus Regional Office  
1501 13th Street, Suite A  
Columbus, GA 31901  
706-649-7451  
[Taxpayer.services@dor.ga.gov](mailto:Taxpayer.services@dor.ga.gov)

Occupation (business) licenses are required for each location or branch. If you do not have a local – Unincorporated Troup, LaGrange, West Point or Hogansville - Occupation (business) License, please contact the appropriate local office to apply:

Unincorporated County

Troup County Permits & Licenses  
100 Ridley Ave, Ste 1300  
LaGrange, GA 30240  
706-883-1650  
[hedmondson@troupcountyga.org](mailto:hedmondson@troupcountyga.org)  
[www.troupcountyga.org/building.html](http://www.troupcountyga.org/building.html)

City of LaGrange

Permits & Business License Dept  
200 Ridley Ave  
LaGrange, GA 30240  
706-883-2054  
[creeves@lagrange-ga.org](mailto:creeves@lagrange-ga.org)

City of West Point

City Clerk  
730 1st Avenue  
West Point, GA 31833  
706-645-3506  
[rmccoy@cityofwestpointga.com](mailto:rmccoy@cityofwestpointga.com)

City of Hogansville

City Hall  
400 East Main Street  
Hogansville, Ga. 30230  
706-637-8629  
[brenda413@bellsouth.net](mailto:brenda413@bellsouth.net)  
[www.cityofhogansville.org/services/permits](http://www.cityofhogansville.org/services/permits)

To ensure your business is in the database to receive a Personal Property reporting form, contact:

Troup County Property Appraisal

100, Ridley Ave, Ste 2100  
LaGrange, GA 30240  
706-883-1625  
[propertyappraisal@troupcountyga.org](mailto:propertyappraisal@troupcountyga.org)  
[www.troupcountyga.org/assesors.html](http://www.troupcountyga.org/assesors.html)

Businesses can get more sales and use tax information and forms at

[https://etax.dor.ga.gov/BusTax\\_SalesTax.aspx](https://etax.dor.ga.gov/BusTax_SalesTax.aspx), and <https://etax.dor.ga.gov/salestax/index.aspx>

**About Troup County, Georgia**

Troup County is a great place to live, work and play. Situated with great transportation access on I-85 between Atlanta and Montgomery with Columbus just down I-185, the area is ideal for regional business. Kia Motors thought so and opened its first North American plant here. The County has implemented smart growth development guidelines and is also working to attract 'green industry'. Three beautiful towns – Hogansville, West Point and Lagrange, the county seat - offer great hometowns for families. The 26,000 square mile West Point Lake and beautiful parks round out an idyllic lifestyle for Troup County residents and our welcomed guests.