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TO: ALL PERSONS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS making sales at retail and/or purchasing tangible personal property for use, storage, or other consumption in the City of Fairhope, Alabama, and its police jurisdiction.

Sections 11-51-200, 11-51-202, & 11-51-208, et seq., **Code of Alabama 1975**, authorize and empower municipalities to levy a true sales and use tax identical to the State Sales and Use Tax Laws except for the rates of tax and require the Alabama Department of Revenue upon request of the municipality to collect the tax.

On April 27, 2009, the governing body of the City of Fairhope adopted Ordinance No. 1385 levying a sales and use tax **effective July 1, 2009**. They also adopted Ordinance No. 1516-09 requesting the Alabama Department of Revenue to begin collecting the City's sales and use taxes **effective July 1, 2009** with a due date of August 20, 2009.

Sales & Use Tax Rates:	<u>Old Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>
General Rate	0%	2%
Admissions to places of amusement and entertainment	0%	2%
Retail selling price of food for human consumption		
sold through vending machines	0%	2%
Net difference paid for machines, machinery, and equipment		
used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products	0%	.50%
Machines, parts, and attachments for machines used in		
manufacturing tangible personal property	0%	.50%
Net difference paid for all automotive vehicles,		
truck trailers, semi-trailers, and house trailers	0%	.50%
Withdrawal fee for automotive vehicle dealers only.....	\$0	\$5

If sales are made and delivered to consumers, or purchases made for use, storage, or other consumption, outside the corporate limits of the City of Fairhope but within the police jurisdiction, the rates of sales and use tax are one-half the rates shown above.

The Law requires that the City of Fairhope sales and use taxes be collected, reported and remitted in the same manner as the State sales and use taxes. When you file and pay electronically, the City of Fairhope sales and use taxes are to be included on the electronic city/county tax return assigned to you (City and County Tax Return, form 9501). Simply enter the gross amounts and deductions, and all calculations will be done automatically for you. You may file these taxes online through the Internet at www.revenue.alabama.gov/salestax/efiling.html, or through the telephone by calling toll free **1-800-828-1727**. Telephone-filers should use Locality Code 9117.

Please direct all questions regarding the City of Fairhope sales and use taxes to this office:

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Post Office Box 327710
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334-242-1490 or 866-576-6531