



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 Semmes**, Alabama, and its police jurisdiction (located in Mobile County).

*Sections 11-51-200, 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 July 21, 2026, the governing body of the City of Semmes adopted Resolution No. 2026-28 levying a sales and use tax **effective October 1, 2026**.

Sales & Use Tax Rates:	<u>Old Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>
General Rate	4%	4.5%
Admissions to places of amusement and entertainment	4%	4.5%
Retail selling price of food for human consumption sold through vending machines	4%	4.5%
Net difference paid for machines, machinery, and equipment used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products	1%	1%
Machines, parts, and attachments for machines used in manufacturing tangible personal property	1%	1%
Net difference paid for all automotive vehicles, truck trailers, semi-trailers, and house trailers	2%	2.5%
Withdrawal fee for automotive vehicle dealers only.....	\$5	\$5
Grocery Rate	4%	4%

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 Semmes 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 Semmes 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 Semmes 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 through My Alabama Taxes (MAT) at <https://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov>.

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

Alabama Department of Revenue
Sales and Use Tax Division
Post Office Box 327710
Montgomery, Alabama 36132-7710 (334-242-1490 or 1-866-576-6531)



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ORDINANCE 2026-28

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CODE OF ALABAMA 1975, SECTIONS 11-51-200 THROUGH 11-51-207, THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS ORDINANCES 2011-03 AND 2021-25; LEVYING A PRIVILEGE, LICENSE OR EXCISE TAX AGAINST PERSONS, FIRMS, OR CORPORATIONS STORING, USING, OR OTHERWISE CONSUMING OR ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING AT RETAIL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR CONDUCTING PLACES OF AMUSEMENT IN THE CITY OF SEMMES, ALABAMA, AND ITS POLICE JURISDICTION; PROVIDES FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Semmes, is currently undertaking several major projects to improve the City. These projects will enhance the stability, image, and security of the City and thereby benefit the public.

WHEREAS, the City of Semmes faces financial challenges due to the costs of these projects and the growth of the City. The costs of City services for its citizenry continues to increase, and the City needs to ensure adequate revenue to continue to be a well-funded municipality.

WHEREAS, the City of Semmes believes raising the tax rate on certain sales and use taxes is the best method to generate the necessary revenue the City requires.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Semmes, Alabama, while in regular session on the 21st day of July, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 11-51-200 through 11-51-207, that Ordinance 2011-03 and 2025-25 are amended to read as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected as herein provided, a privilege or license tax against the person on account of the business activities and in the amount to be determined by the application of rates against gross sales, or gross receipts, as the case may be, as follows:



(a) Upon every person, firm, or corporation, (including the State of Alabama, the University of Alabama, Auburn University and all other institutions of higher learning in the state, whether such institutions be denominational, state, county or municipal institutions, and any association or other agency or instrumentality of such institutions) engaged or continuing within the City of Semmes in the business of selling at retail any tangible personal property whatsoever, including merchandise and commodities of every kind and character, (not including, however, bonds or other evidences of debts or stocks, nor sale or sales of material and supplies to any person for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting, repair, or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships and other watercraft and commercial fishing vessels of over five (5) tons load displacement as registered with the U. S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), an amount equal to 4.5% of the gross proceeds of sales of the business except where a different amount is expressly provided herein. Provided, however, that any person engaging or continuing in business as a retailer and wholesaler or jobber shall pay the tax required on the gross proceeds of retail sales of such business at the rates specified, when his or her books are kept so as to show separately the gross proceeds of sales of each business, and when his or her books are not kept he or she shall pay the tax as a retailer on the gross sales of the business.

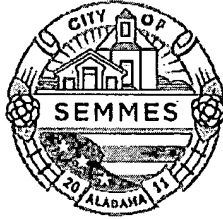
(b) Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged or continuing within the City, in the business of conducting or operating places of amusement or entertainment, billiard and pool rooms, bowling alleys, amusement devices, musical devices, theaters, opera houses, moving picture shows, vaudeville, amusement parks, athletic contests, including wrestling matches, prize fights, boxing and wrestling exhibitions, football and baseball games, (including athletic contests, conducted by or under the auspices of any educational institution within the City, or any athletic association thereof, or other association whether the institution or association be a denominational, a state, or county, or a municipal institution, or association or a state, county, or City school, or other institution, association or school), skating rinks, race tracks, golf courses, or any other place at which any exhibition, display, amusement or entertainment is offered to the public or place or places where an admission fee is charged, including public bathing places and public dance halls of every kind and description within the City, an amount equal to 4.5% of the gross receipts of any



such business. Provided, however, notwithstanding any language to the contrary in the prior portion of this subsection, the tax provisions so specified shall not apply to any athletic event conducted by a public or private primary or secondary school. The tax amount, which would have been collected pursuant to this subsection, shall continue to be collected by the public or private primary or secondary school, but shall be retained by the school that collected it and shall be used by the school for school purposes.

(c) Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged or continuing within the City in the business of selling at retail machines used in mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, and manufacturing of tangible personal property, an amount equal to 1% of the gross proceeds of the sale of such machines; provided, that the term "machines," as herein used, shall include machinery which is used for mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, or manufacturing tangible personal property, and the parts of the machines, attachments and replacements therefor, which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machines and which are necessary to the operation of such machines and are customarily so used.

(d) Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged or continuing within the City in the business of selling at retail any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semitrailer, or house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies including but not limited to steps, blocks, anchoring, cable pipes, and any other materials pertaining thereto, an amount equal to 2.5% of the gross proceeds of sale of the automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semitrailer, or house trailer, or mobile home set-up materials and supplies provided, however, where a person subject to the tax provided for in this subsection withdraws from his or her stock in trade any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semitrailer, or house trailer for use by him or her or by his or her employee or agent in the operation of the business, there shall be paid, in lieu of the tax levied herein, a fee of **\$5.00** per year or part thereof during which such automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semitrailer, or house trailer shall remain the property of the person. Each year or part thereof shall begin with the day or anniversary date, as the case may be, of such withdrawal and shall run for the twelve succeeding months or part thereof during which the automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semi-trailer, or house trailer shall remain the property of the person. Where any used automotive vehicle or truck trailer,



semitrailer, or house trailer is taken in trade or in a series of trades, as a credit or part payment on the sale of a new or used vehicle, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used vehicle sold less the credit for the used vehicle taken in trade.

(e) Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged or continuing within the City in the business of selling at retail any machine, machinery or equipment that is used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock or poultry on farms, and the parts of such machines, machinery or equipment, attachments and replacements therefor, which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, and which are necessary to and customarily used in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, an amount equal to 1% of the gross proceeds of the sale thereof. Provided, however, the 1% rate herein prescribed with respect to parts, attachments, and replacements shall not apply to any automotive vehicle or trailer designed primarily for public highway use, except farm trailers used primarily in the production and harvesting of agricultural commodities. Where any used machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock and poultry on farms is taken in trade or in a series of trades as a credit or part payment on a sale of a new or used machine, machinery or equipment, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used machine, machinery or equipment sold, less the credit for the used machine, machinery or equipment taken in trade.

(f) Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged or continuing within the City in the business of selling through coin-operated dispensing machines, food and food products for human consumption, not including beverages other than coffee, milk, milk products, and substitutes therefor, there is hereby levied a tax equal to 4.5% of the retail selling price of the food, food products, and beverages sold through the machines.

(g) Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged or continuing within the City in the business of selling food, there is hereby levied a tax equal to



4.0% of the gross proceeds of the sale of food. For purposes of this subsection, the term food shall have the same meaning as defined in 7 U.S.C. Section 2011, for the purposes of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program regardless of where or by what means food is sold.

Section 2. Levy of the Tax in Police Jurisdiction. Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged or continuing in the operation of any business, or who shall engage in the operation of any business, within the police jurisdiction of the City but beyond the corporate limits of said City for which or upon which a privilege or license tax is in this ordinance levied or required within the corporate limits of the City, there is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law or by municipal ordinance, to be collected as herein provided for the privilege or license taxes herein levied within the corporate limits of the City a privilege or license tax equal to one-half of that provided, levied, or required in this ordinance for engaging or continuing in the operation of such business within the corporate limits of the City. Provided further, that except for the amount of the privilege or license tax herein levied within the police jurisdiction of said City but outside the corporate limits thereof, all the provisions of this ordinance extend and apply to all the area within the police jurisdiction of the City.

Section 3. Provisions of State Sales Tax Statutes Applicable to this Ordinance and Taxes herein levied. This ordinance and the taxes levied herein shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, proceedings, requirements, provisions, rules and regulations promulgated under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, direct pay permit, drive-out certificate procedures, statute of limitation, discounts, penalties, fines, punishments, and deductions that are applicable to the taxes levied by the State Sales Tax statutes, except where inapplicable or where herein otherwise provided, including all provisions of the State Sales Tax statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes.

Section 4. (a) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property (not including materials and supplies bought for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting, repairing, or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships and other watercraft and commercial fishing vessels of over five (5) tons load displacement as registered with the U. S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of

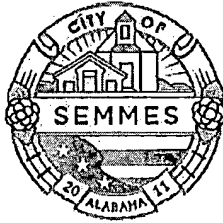


Conservation and Natural Resources) purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in the City, except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d) and (e) at the rate of 4.5% of the sales price of such property.

(b) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the City of any machines used in mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, and manufacturing of tangible personal property purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this ordinance at the rate of 1% of the sales price of any such machine; provided, that the term "machine" as herein used, shall include machinery which is used for mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, or manufacturing tangible personal property, and the parts of such machines, attachments and replacements therefor, which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machines and which are necessary to the operation of such machines and are customarily so used.

(c) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the City on any automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semitrailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies including but not limited to steps, blocks, anchoring, cable pipes and any other materials pertaining thereto, purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this ordinance for storage, use, or other consumption in the City at the rate of 2.5% of the sales price of such automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semitrailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies. Where any used automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semitrailer, or house trailer is taken in trade, or in a series of trades, as a credit or part payment on the sale of a new or used vehicle, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used vehicle sold less the credit for the used vehicle taken in trade.

(d) An excise tax is hereby levied and imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of any machine, machinery or equipment that is used in planting, cultivating and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock or poultry on farms, and the parts of such machines, machinery or equipment,



attachments, and replacements therefor, which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, and which are necessary to and customarily used in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, which is purchased at retail after the effective date of this ordinance, for the storage, use or other consumption in the City at the rate of 1% of the sales price of such property, regardless of whether the retailer is or is not engaged in the business in this City. Provided, however, the 1% rate herein prescribed with respect to parts, attachments, and replacements shall not apply to any automotive vehicle or trailer designed primarily for public highway use, except farm trailers used primarily in the production and harvesting of agricultural commodities. Where any used machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock and poultry on farms is taken in trade or in a series of trades as a credit or part payment on a sale of a new or used machine, machinery or equipment, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used machine, machinery or equipment sold, less the credit for the used machine, machinery or equipment taken in trade.

(e) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the City of food, at the rate of 4.0% of the sales price of such food. For purposes of this subsection, the term food shall have the same meaning as defined in 7 U.S.C. Section 2011, for the purposes of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program regardless of where or by what means food is sold.

(f) An excise tax is hereby imposed on tangible personal property at one-half the rates specified in subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section on the storage, use or other consumption of such tangible personal property outside the corporate limits of the City, but within the police jurisdiction.

Section 5. Provisions of State Use Tax Statutes Applicable to this Ordinance and Taxes Herein Levied. This ordinance and the taxes levied herein shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, proceedings, requirements, provisions, rules and regulations promulgated under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, direct pay permit and drive-out certificate procedures, statute of limitation, discounts, penalties, fines, punishments, and



deductions that are applicable to the taxes levied by the State Use Tax statutes, except where inapplicable or where herein otherwise provided, including all provisions of the State Use Tax statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes.

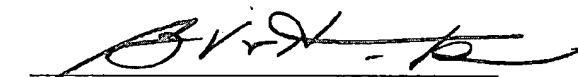
Section 6. Use of Proceeds. The proceeds from the tax herein levied remaining after payment of the costs of collecting said tax, including all charges of the administration for such collection and paid over to and received by the City shall be distributed to the City of Semmes for the use of the City for any lawful purpose.

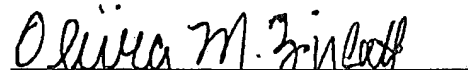
Section 7. Severability. Each and every provision of this ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the first day of October, 2026; and the first payment of taxes hereunder shall be due and payable on the twentieth day of November, 2026. Any resolution or ordinance heretofore adopted which is in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Adopted and Approved this the 21st day of July, 2026.

Attest:


Brandon Van Hook – Mayor


Olivia Zirlott – City Clerk