

Senior Citizen Sales Tax Exemption Expires June 30, 2018

Recently the Assembly voted to change the senior sales tax exemption to a need based rebate program. The senior citizen sales tax exemption in Sitka expires June 30, 2018 at midnight. Senior citizens will no longer be exempt from paying applicable sales taxes on their purchases.

Other sales tax exemptions, such as nonprofit, will remain in effect. Remember any customer requesting an exemption from sales tax MUST HAVE THE EXEMPTION CARD IN THEIR POSSESSION WHEN THEY MAKE THE EXEMPT PURCHASE (per SGC 4.09.230 A). Allowing customers to sign a sales tax log in lieu of showing their exemption card is not sufficient. A customer who does not have the exemption card in their possession at the time of the purchase may not have sales tax exempted, even if a card had been previously issued to them.

Citizens over 65 and receiving assistance may be eligible for a rebate. Applications can be submitted to the Finance Department between January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019. Rebates will then be issued to qualified applicants in July, 2019.

For more information, call the Finance Department at 747-1840.

