



To: ARSSTC Members

From: Clinton Singletary, Statewide Municipal Sales Tax Director

Re: Uniform Code Updates Adoption Process-March 2021

At its February 24th meeting, the ARSSTC Board of Directors approved the proposed updates to the Uniform Remote Seller Sales Tax code. Under the Intergovernmental Agreement, which all member jurisdictions passed by resolution, any updates or amendments to the Uniform Code must be adopted by member jurisdictions within 120 days of passage by the ARSSTC Board.

As you may recall, member jurisdictions were given the option of either adopting the Uniform Code in its entirety or adopting the Uniform Code by reference when the member first adopted the Uniform Code. The method by which a member originally adopted the Uniform Code will dictate what steps the member must now take to adopt these updates.

Original Adoption by Reference

A number of members originally adopted the Uniform Code by reference, with a clause similar to *“as the code currently exists, and as may hereafter be amended”*. If you are a member that originally adopted the Uniform Code in this manner, you do not need to take any additional action to adopt these Uniform Code updates.

With that said, I found that several members adopted some modifications to their local sales tax code to better align with some of the provisions of the Uniform Code. If you still desire full alignment between your local sales tax code and the Uniform Code, you will want to examine these updates to check for continued alignment.

Original Adoption in its entirety

A majority of members originally adopted the Uniform Code in its entirety, adding the full text of the Uniform Code to their Code of Ordinances. These members will need to adopt the Uniform Code updates in the same manner within 120 days of passage by the ARSSTC Board as explained above.

Members who adopted modifications to their local sales tax code for better alignment with the original Uniform Code should review these updates to check for continued alignment in those desired areas.

Once your local governing body has adopted the updates, please forward a signed copy of the adopting ordinance to the ARSSTC for our records.