Columbia County Adds a 0.5% School Capital Outlay Surtax
Beginning January 1, 2023

Beginning January 1, 2023, the combined state and local sales and use tax rate for Columbia County will be 7.5%. Voters approved a Columbia County School Board resolution adopting a 0.5% school capital outlay surtax on November 8, 2022. The surtax rate is effective January 1, 2023, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2042.

The new combined rate for Columbia County is composed of the 6% state sales tax plus the 1% small county surtax and 0.5% school capital outlay surtax.

Dealers should begin collecting the new combined 7.5% rate on January 1, 2023. All state sales and use tax and local surtaxes collected must be reported and remitted to the Florida Department of Revenue (Department).

To calculate the total tax amount due, multiply the total amount of the sale or the taxable amount of each item by the total tax rate (state sales and use tax rate + surtax rate). The tax computation must be carried to the third decimal place and rounded up to the next whole cent when the third decimal place is greater than 4. The total tax to be collected must be shown on each invoice.

References: Columbia County School Board Resolution No. 2021-02; Sections 212.054 and 212.055, Florida Statutes

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