



## Tax Information Publication

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### **Hernando County Adds a 0.5% School Capital Outlay Surtax Beginning January 1, 2016**

**Effective January 1, 2016, the combined state and local sales and use tax rate for Hernando County will be 6.5%** (0.5% school capital outlay surtax and 6% state sales tax). The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance Number 2015-012, which levies a 0.5% school capital outlay surtax. The 0.5% rate is effective January 1, 2016, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2025. All state sales and use tax and local surtax collected must be remitted and reported to the Department of Revenue.

**Hernando County dealers who file paper tax returns will be mailed 2016 sales and use tax returns in December 2015.** The paper sales and use tax returns will have the **new** surtax rate printed on them. A *Common Sales Tax Brackets* table (Form DR-2X) is posted on our website under the "Discretionary Sales Surtax" category along with a listing of all the combined sales tax rates for Florida. The sales tax bracket charts help dealers accurately compute tax due on sales between whole dollar amounts which cannot be calculated on a straight percentage basis.

Dealers are **not** entitled to a collection allowance if they file a paper tax return or pay tax by check or money order. To file and pay state and local sales and use tax electronically, visit [www.myflorida.com/dor](http://www.myflorida.com/dor). Dealers may:

- Use the Department's website to file and pay tax electronically, or
- Purchase a product from a software vendor.

**References: Hernando County Ordinance 2015-012; Sections 212.054 and 212.055, Florida Statutes**

#### **For More Information**

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For forms and other information, visit our website at [www.myflorida.com/dor](http://www.myflorida.com/dor) or call Taxpayer Services, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at 800-352-3671.

For a detailed written response to your questions, write the Florida Department of Revenue, Taxpayer Services, MS 3-2000, 5050 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0112.

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