

ORDINANCE NO. 5210

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3.12.100 OF THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE (GJMC) CONCERNING THE SALES TAX VENDOR'S FEE

RECITALS:

The Grand Junction Municipal Code regulates the taxation, collection, reporting and remittance of sales and use taxes in the City. To alleviate some of the burden of those requirements the City has for many years provided to retailers that collect and remit tax a credit of three and one-third percent of the sum of the sales tax collected to offset the expense to the retailers for the collection and remittance effort, provided that no credit is allowed for any sales tax that is not properly and timely reported and paid by the due date.

The credit, known as a "vendor's fee", (hereinafter "Fee") was established prior to the introduction of automated systems and accordingly the Fee was then more aligned with the cost of collecting, preparing, and filing the tax returns and remitting the tax.

Now, because of the prevalence of point-of-sale systems, automated bookkeeping, and computerized tax preparation programs, together with the State's requirement for certain changes to the reporting of sales and use taxes necessitated by the implementation of the Colorado Department of Revenue Sales & Use Tax System (SUTS) the City Council has determined that the Fee should change. The Fee is proposed to be capped as provided herein and by and with adoption of this Ordinance the Fee will be limited to \$500.00 per filing per sales tax account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

Title 3, Section 12, Part 100(b)(1) of the Grand Junction Municipal Code is amended as follows. (Amendments to the relevant portion of the Code are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ and *ALL CAPS BOLD ITALIC* typeface as applicable.)

The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein and GJMC 3.12.100(b)(1) is amended as shown:

3.12.100(b)(1) Vendor's Fee. A retailer's collection and remittance expense equal to three and one-third percent of the sum of the sales tax collected and any excess tax collected may be taken as a credit against sales tax paid on or before the due date. The credit shall not exceed \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) per filing for EACH taxpayers/SALES TAX ACCOUNT. ~~filing monthly; \$1,500 for dollars per month for taxpayers filing quarterly; and, \$6,000 dollars per year for~~


taxpayers filing annually. However, no such credit shall be allowed for any sales tax that is not timely reported and paid by the due date. Forfeiture of the vendor's fee shall be prima facie evidence that the taxpayer was in violation of this chapter. However, no such credit shall be allowed for any sales tax that is not timely reported and paid by the due date. Forfeiture of the vendor's fee shall be prima facie evidence that the taxpayer was in violation of this chapter.

All other provisions of Title 3, Section 12 Part 100 are unchanged and shall remain in full force and effect.

The City Council finds and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated and adopted for the public health, safety and welfare and this Ordinance bears a rational relation to the legislative object sought to be obtained.


INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this 20th day of March 2024.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and ordered published in pamphlet form this 3rd day of April 2024.



Anna M. Stout
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 5210 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body held on the 20th day of March 2024 and the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, in pamphlet form, at least ten days before its final passage.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT a Public Hearing was held on the 3rd day of April 2024, at which Ordinance No. 5210 was read, considered, adopted, and ordered published in pamphlet form by the Grand Junction City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 8th day of April 2024.



Deputy City Clerk

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