

LOCAL SALES TAX RATE CHANGE – Blount County

Notice #14-11

Sales and Use Tax

June 2014

**Highlights**

- *Effective July 1, 2014, the local sales tax rate changes in Blount County, Tennessee.*
- *The new rate is 2.75%.*
- *The single article tax rate is also 2.75%, which is applicable to the sales price under certain conditions.*

This notice is intended to provide taxpayers and the general public with information concerning a recent change in the local sales and use tax rate in Blount County, Tennessee.

Effective July 1, 2014, the governing body of Blount County, Tennessee has increased the local sales tax rate to 2.75%. The tax change comes as a result of voters in the area approving a referendum.

The new rate will apply to all taxable sales of tangible personal property made on or after July 1, 2014. It also applies to the sale of taxable services for billing periods starting on or after July 1, 2014 by sellers located in Blount County and the Blount County cities of Friendsville, Townsend, Rockford and Louisville.

The corresponding local consumer use tax rate for people in all areas of Blount County, Tennessee also increases to 2.75%.

The cities of Alcoa and Maryville had previously increased the local tax rate to 2.75%. This referendum increases the local tax rate to 2.75% in all areas of Blount County.

In Blount County, the local option tax rate is applicable to the first \$1,600 of the sale price of any single article of tangible personal property sold, unless that item is specifically exempted from local tax or taxed at another rate by law. The local tax cap on sales of single articles of tangible personal property will be \$44. The local rate is also applicable to the total sales price of any taxable service.

In addition, there is a state single article tax rate of 2.75% applicable to the sales price, from \$1,600.01 up to and including \$3,200, of any item of tangible personal property.

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**References:**

T.C.A. § 67-6-702