

ORDINANCE NO. 3420

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA, RELATING TO THE PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX; ADOPTING "ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MESA PRIVILEGE & EXCISE TAX CODE" BY REFERENCE; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA:

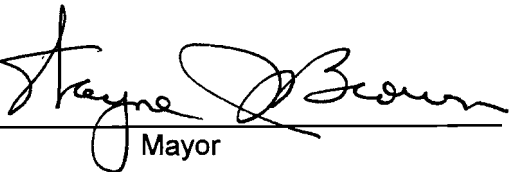
Section 1: That certain document known as "Environmental Remediation Amendments to the City of Mesa Privilege & Excise Tax Code," three copies of which are on file in the office of the city clerk of the City of Mesa, Arizona, which document was made a public record by Resolution No. 7134 of the City of Mesa, Arizona, is hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance.

Section 2: The provisions of this ordinance and the public record adopted herein are retroactive to April 1, 1987.

Section 3: Any person found guilty of violating any provision of these amendments to the tax code shall be guilty of a class one misdemeanor. Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate offense punishable as herein above described.

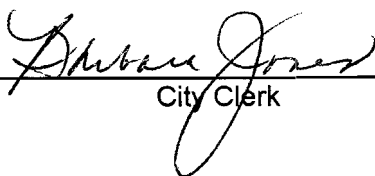
Section 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance or any part of these amendments to the tax code adopted herein by reference is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

5th PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona, this day of Jan, 1998.

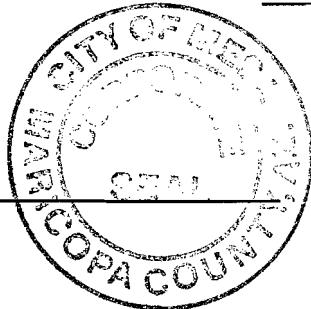


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

**ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MESA
PRIVILEGE & EXCISE TAX CODE**

Section 1. Section 5-10-100 of the City of Mesa Privilege & Excise Tax Code is amended to read:

Sec. 5-10-100. General definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions apply:

"Assembler" means a person who unites or combines products, wares, or articles of manufacture so as to produce a change in form or substance of such items without changing or altering component parts.

"Broker" means any person engaged or continuing in business who acts for another for a consideration in the conduct of a business activity taxable under this Chapter, and who receives for his principal all or part of the gross income from the taxable activity.

"Business" means all activities or acts, personal or corporate, engaged in and caused to be engaged in with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect, but not casual activities or sales.

"Business Day" means any day of the week when the Tax Collector's office is open for the public to conduct the Tax Collector's business.

"Casual Activity or Sale" means a transaction of an isolated nature made by a person who neither represents himself to be nor is engaged in a business subject to a tax imposed by this Chapter. However, no sale, rental, license for use, or lease transaction concerning real property nor any activity entered into by a business taxable by this Chapter shall be treated, or be exempt, as casual. This definition shall include sales of used capital assets, provided that the volume and frequency of such sales do not indicate that the seller regularly engages in selling such property.

"Combined Taxes" means the sum of all applicable Arizona Transaction Privilege and Use Taxes; all applicable transportation taxes imposed upon gross income by this County as authorized by Chapter 8.3, Title 42, Arizona Revised Statutes; and all applicable taxes imposed by this Chapter.

"Commercial Property" is any real property, or portion of such property, used for any purpose other than lodging or lodging space, including structures built for lodging but used otherwise, such as model homes, apartments used as offices, etc.

"Communications Channel" means any line, wire, cable, microwave, radio signal, light beam, telephone, telegraph, or any other electromagnetic means of moving a message.

"Construction Contracting" refers to the activity of a construction contractor.

"Construction Contractor" means a person who undertakes to or offers to undertake to, or purports to have the capacity to undertake to, or submits a bid to, or does himself or by or through others, construct, alter, repair, add to, subtract from, improve, move, wreck, or demolish any building, highway, road, railroad, excavation, or other structure, project, development, or improvement to real property, or to do any part thereof. "Construction contractor" includes subcontractors, specialty contractors, prime contractors, and any person receiving consideration for the general supervision and/or coordination of such a construction project EXCEPT FOR REMEDIATION CONTRACTING. This definition shall govern without regard to whether or not the construction contractor is acting in fulfillment of a contract.

"Delivery (of Notice) by the Tax Collector" means "receipt (of notice) by the taxpayer".

"Delivery, Installation, or Other Direct Customer Services" means services or labor, excluding repair labor, provided by a taxpayer to or for his customer at the time of transfer of tangible personal property; provided further that the charge for such labor or service is separately billed to the customer and maintained separately in the taxpayer's books and records.

"Engaging", when used with reference to engaging or continuing in business, includes the exercise of corporate or franchise powers.

"Equivalent Excise Tax" means either:

- (1) a Privilege or Use Tax levied by another Arizona municipality upon the transaction in question, and paid either to such Arizona municipality directly or to the vendor; or
- (2) an excise tax levied by a political subdivision of a state other than Arizona upon the transaction in question, and paid either to such jurisdiction directly or to the vendor; or
- (3) an excise tax levied by a Native American Government organized under the laws of the federal government upon the transaction in question, and paid either to such jurisdiction directly or to the vendor.

"Federal Government" means the United States Government, its departments and agencies; but not including national banks or federally chartered or insured banks, savings and loan institutions, or credit unions.

"Food" means any items intended for human consumption as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue, State of Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 42-1387. Under no circumstances shall "food" include alcoholic beverages or tobacco, or food items purchased for use in conversion to any form of alcohol by distillation, fermentation, brewing, or other process.

"Hotel" means any public or private hotel, inn, hostelry, tourist home, house, motel, rooming house, apartment house, trailer, or other lodging place within the City offering lodging, wherein the owner thereof, for compensation, furnishes lodging to any transient, except foster homes, rest homes, sheltered care homes, nursing homes, or primary health care facilities.

"Job Printing" means the activity of copying or reproducing an article by any means, process, or method. "Job printing" includes engraving of printing plates, embossing, copying, micrographics, and photo reproduction.

"Lessee" includes the equivalent person in a rental or licensing agreement for all purposes of this Chapter.

"Lessor" includes the equivalent person in a rental or licensing agreement for all purposes of this Chapter.

"Licensing (for Use)" means any agreement between the user ("licensee") and the owner or the owner's agent ("licensor") for the use of the licensor's property whereby the licensor receives consideration, where such agreement does not qualify as a "sale" or "lease" or "rental" agreement.

"Lodging (Lodging Space)" means any room or apartment in a hotel or any other provider of rooms, trailer spaces, or other residential dwelling spaces; or the furnishings or services and accommodations accompanying the use and possession of said dwelling space, including storage or parking space for the property of said tenant.

"Manufactured Buildings" means a manufactured home, mobile home or factory built building, as defined in A.R.S. Section 41-2142.

"Manufacturer" means a person engaged or continuing in the business of fabricating, producing, or manufacturing products, wares, or articles for use from other forms of tangible personal property, imparting to such new forms, qualities, properties, and combinations.

"Mining and Metallurgical Supplies" means all tangible personal property acquired by persons engaged in activities defined in Section 5-10-432 for such use. This definition shall not include:

- (1) janitorial equipment and supplies.
- (2) office equipment, office furniture, and office supplies.

- (3) motor vehicles licensed for use upon the highways of the State.

"Modifier" means a person who reworks, changes, or adds to products, wares, or articles of manufacture.

"Nonprofit Entity" means any entity organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, or operated by the Federal Government, the State, or any political subdivision of the State.

"Occupancy (of Real Property)" means any occupancy or use, or any right to occupy or use, real property including any improvements, rights, or interests in such property.

"Out-of-City Sale" means the sale of tangible personal property and job printing if all of the following occur:

- (1) transference of title and possession occur without the City; and
- (2) the stock from which such personal property was taken was not within the corporate limits of the City; and
- (3) the order is received at a permanent business location of the seller located outside the City; which location is used for the substantial and regular conduct of such business sales activity. In no event shall the place of business of the buyer be determinative of the situs of the receipt of the order.

For the purpose of this definition it does not matter that all other indicia of business occur within the City, including, but not limited to, accounting, invoicing, payments, centralized purchasing, and supply to out-of-City storehouses and out-of-City retail branch outlets from a primary storehouse within the City.

"Out-of-State Sale" means the sale of tangible personal property and job printing if all of the following occur:

- (1) (Reserved)
- (2) the order is placed by other than a resident of the State to be determined in a manner similar to "resides within the City"; and
- (3) the property is delivered to the buyer at a location outside the State; and
- (4) the property is purchased for use outside the State.

"Owner-Builder" means an owner or lessor of real property who, by himself or by or through others, constructs or has constructed or reconstructs or has reconstructed any improvement to real property.

"Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, estate, trust, receiver, syndicate, broker, the Federal Government, this State, or any political subdivision or agency of this State. For the purposes of this Chapter, a person shall be considered a distinct and separate person from any general or limited partnership or joint venture or other association with which such person is affiliated. A subsidiary corporation shall be considered a separate person from its parent corporation for purposes of taxation of transactions with its parent corporation.

"Primary Health Care Facility" means any hospital or any licensed nursing care institution or licensed residential care institution, licensed pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 36, Arizona Revised Statutes, or any licensed kidney dialysis center.

"Prosthetic" means any of the following tangible personal property if such items are prescribed or recommended by a licensed podiatrist, chiropractor, dentist, physician or surgeon, naturopath, optometrist, osteopathic physician or surgeon, psychologist, hearing aid dispenser, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or veterinarian:

- (1) any man-made device for support or replacement of a part of the body, or to increase acuity of one of the senses. Such items include: prescription eyeglasses; contact lenses; hearing aids; artificial limbs or teeth; neck, back, arm, leg, or similar braces.
- (2) insulin, insulin syringes, and glucose test strips sold with or without a prescription.
- (3) hospital beds, crutches, wheelchairs, similar home health aids, or corrective shoes.
- (4) drugs or medicine, including oxygen.
- (5) equipment used to generate, monitor, or provide health support systems, such as respiratory equipment, oxygen concentrator, dialysis machine.

- (6) durable medical equipment which has a federal health care financing administration common procedure code, is designated reimbursable by Medicare, can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, is generally not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury and is appropriate for use in the home.

"Receipt (of Notice) by the Taxpayer" means the earlier of actual receipt or the first attempted delivery by certified United States mail to the taxpayer's address of record with the Tax Collector.

"REMEDICATION" MEANS THOSE ACTIONS THAT ARE REASONABLE, NECESSARY, COST-EFFECTIVE AND TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE IN THE EVENT OF THE RELEASE OR THREAT OF RELEASE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES INTO THE ENVIRONMENT SUCH THAT THE WATERS OF THE STATE ARE OR MAY BE AFFECTED, SUCH ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO MONITOR, ASSESS AND EVALUATE SUCH RELEASE OR THREAT OF RELEASE, ACTIONS OF REMEDIATION, REMOVAL OR DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR TAKING SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PREVENT, MINIMIZE OR MITIGATE DAMAGE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR WELFARE OR TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE WHICH MAY OTHERWISE RESULT FROM A RELEASE OR THREAT OF RELEASE OF A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE THAT WILL OR MAY AFFECT THE WATERS OF THE STATE. REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE USE OF BIOSTIMULATION WITH INDIGENOUS MICROBES AND BIOAUGMENTATION USING MICROBES THAT ARE NONPATHOGENIC, NONOPPORTUNISTIC AND THAT ARE NATURALLY OCCURRING. REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION COSTS AND PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY.

"Rental Equipment" means tangible personal property sold, rented, leased, or licensed to customers to the extent that the item is actually used by the customer for rental, lease, or license to others; provided that:

- (1) (Reserved)
- (2) the vendee is regularly engaged in the business of renting, leasing, or licensing such property for a consideration; and
- (3) the item so claimed as "rental equipment" is not used by the person claiming the exemption for any purpose other than rental, lease, or license for compensation, to an extent greater than fifteen percent (15%) of its actual use.

"Rental Supply" means an expendable or nonexpendable repair or replacement part sold to become part of "rental equipment", provided that:

- (1) the documentation relating to each purchased item so claimed specifically itemizes to the vendor the actual item of "rental equipment" to which the purchased item is intended to be attached as a repair or replacement part; and
- (2) the vendee is regularly engaged in the business of renting, leasing, or licensing such property for a consideration; and
- (3) the item so claimed as "rental equipment" is not used by the person claiming the exemption for any purpose other than rental, lease, or license for compensation, to an extent greater than fifteen percent (15%) of its actual use.

"Repairer" means a person who restores or renews products, wares, or articles of manufacture.

"Resides within the City" means in cases other than individuals, whose legal addresses are determinative of residence, the engaging, continuing, or conducting of regular business activity within the City.

"Restaurant" means any business activity where articles of food, drink, or condiment are customarily prepared or served to patrons for consumption on or off the premises, also including bars, cocktail lounges, the dining rooms of hotels, and all caterers. For the purposes of this Chapter, a "fast food" business, which includes street vendors and mobile vendors selling in public areas or at entertainment or sports or similar events, who prepares or sells food or drink for consumption on or off the premises is considered a "restaurant", and not a "retailer".

"Retail Sale (Sale at Retail)" means the sale of tangible personal property, except the sale of tangible personal property to a person regularly engaged in the business of selling such property.

"Retailer" means any person engaged or continuing in the business of sales of tangible personal property at retail.

"Sale" means any transfer of title or possession, or both, exchange, barter, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, including consignment transactions and auctions, of property for a consideration. "Sale" includes any transaction whereby the possession of such property is transferred but the seller retains the title as security for the payment of the price. "Sale" also includes the fabrication of tangible personal property for consumers who, in whole or in part, furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used in such fabrication work.

"Speculative Builder" means either:

- (1) an owner-builder who sells or contracts to sell, at anytime, improved real property (as provided in Section 5-10-416) consisting of:
 - (A) custom, model, or inventory homes, regardless of the stage of completion of such homes; or
 - (B) improved residential or commercial lots without a structure; or
- (2) an owner-builder who sells or contracts to sell improved real property, other than improved real property specified in subsection (1) above:
 - (A) prior to completion; or
 - (B) before the expiration of twenty-four (24) months after the improvements of the real property sold are substantially complete.

"Substantially Complete" means the construction contracting or reconstruction contracting:

- (1) has passed final inspection or its equivalent; or
- (2) certificate of occupancy or its equivalent has been issued; or
- (3) is ready for immediate occupancy or use.

"Supplier" means any person who rents, leases, licenses, or makes sales of tangible personal property within the City, either directly to the consumer or customer or to wholesalers, jobbers, fabricators, manufacturers, modifiers, assemblers, repairers, or those engaged in the business of providing services which involve the use, sale, rental, lease, or license of tangible personal property.

"Tax Collector" means the finance director or his designee or agent for all purposes under this Chapter.

"Taxpayer" means any person liable for any tax under this Chapter.

"Taxpayer Problem Resolution Officer" means the individual designated by the City to perform the duties identified in Sections 5-10-515 and 5-10-516. In cities with a population of 50,000 or more, the Taxpayer Problem Resolution Officer shall be an employee of the City. In cities with a population of less than 50,000, the Taxpayer Problem Resolution Officer need not be an employee of the City. Regardless of whether the Taxpayer Problem Resolution Officer is or is not an employee of the City, the Taxpayer Problem Resolution Officer shall have substantive knowledge of taxation. The identity of and telephone number for the Taxpayer Problem Resolution Officer can be obtained from the Tax Collector.

"Telecommunication Service" means any service or activity connected with the transmission or relay of sound, visual image, data, information, images, or material over a communications channel or any combination of communications channels.

"Utility Service" means the producing, providing, or furnishing of electricity, electric lights, current, power, gas (natural or artificial), or water to consumers or ratepayers.

Section 2. Section 5-10-465 of the City of Mesa Privilege & Excise Tax Code is amended to read:

Sec. 5-10-465. Retail sales: exemptions.

Income derived from the following sources is exempt from the tax imposed by Section 5-10-460:

- (a) sales of tangible personal property to a person regularly engaged in the business of selling such property.
- (b) out-of-City sales or out-of-State sales.
- (c) charges for delivery, installation, or other direct customer services as prescribed by Regulation.
- (d) charges for repair services as prescribed by Regulation, when separately charged and separately maintained in the books and records of the taxpayer.
- (e) sales of warranty, maintenance, and service contracts, when separately charged and separately maintained in the books and records of the taxpayer.
- (f) sales of prosthetics.
- (g) sales of income-producing capital equipment.
- (h) sales of rental equipment and rental supplies.
- (i) sales of mining and metallurgical supplies.
- (j) sales of motor vehicle fuel and use fuel which are subject to a tax imposed under the provisions of Article I or II, Chapter 9, Title 28, Arizona Revised Statutes; or sales of use fuel to a holder of a valid single trip use fuel tax permit issued under A.R.S. Section 28-1559, or sales of natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas used to propel a motor vehicle.
- (k) sales of tangible personal property to a construction contractor who holds a valid Privilege Tax License for engaging or continuing in the business of construction contracting where the tangible personal property sold is incorporated into any structure or improvement to real property as part of construction contracting activity.
- (l) sales of motor vehicles to nonresidents of this State for use outside this State if the vendor ships or delivers the motor vehicle to a destination outside this State.
- (m) sales of tangible personal property which directly enters into and becomes an ingredient or component part of a product sold in the regular course of the business of job printing, manufacturing, or publication of newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals. Tangible personal property which is consumed or used up in a manufacturing, job printing, publishing, or production process is not an ingredient nor component part of a product.
- (n) sales made directly to the Federal government to the extent of:
 - (1) one hundred percent (100%) of the gross income derived from retail sales made by a manufacturer, modifier, assembler, or repairer.
 - (2) fifty percent (50%) of the gross income derived from retail sales made by any other person.
- (o) sales to hotels, bars, restaurants, dining cars, lunchrooms, boarding houses, or similar establishments of articles consumed as food, drink, or condiment, whether simple, mixed, or compounded, where such articles are customarily prepared or served to patrons for consumption on or off the premises, where the purchaser is properly licensed and paying a tax under Section 5-10-455 or the equivalent excise tax upon such income.

- (p) sales of tangible personal property to any nonprofit primary health care facility, except when the property sold is for use in activities resulting in gross income from unrelated business income as that term is defined in 26 U.S.C. Section 512.
- (q) Food purchased with food stamps provided through the Food Stamp Program established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-113; 91 Stat. 958.7 U.S.C. Section 2011 Et Seq.) or purchased with food instruments issued under Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act (P.L. 95-627; 92 Stat. 3603; and P.L. 99-669; Section 4302), but only to the extent that food stamps or food instruments were actually used to purchase such food.
- (r) sales of the following to persons engaging or continuing in the business of farming, ranching, or feeding livestock, poultry or ratites:
 - (1) seed, fertilizer, fungicides, seed treating chemicals, and other similar chemicals.
 - (2) feed for livestock, poultry or ratites, including salt, vitamins, and other additives to such feed.
 - (3) livestock, poultry or ratites purchased or raised for slaughter, but not including livestock purchased or raised for production or use, such as milch cows, breeding bulls, laying hens, riding or work horses.
 - (4) (Reserved)

This exemption shall not be construed to include machinery, equipment, fuels, lubricants, pharmaceuticals, repair and replacement parts, or other items used or consumed in the running, maintenance, or repair of machinery, equipment, buildings, or structures used or consumed in the business of farming, ranching, or feeding of livestock, poultry or ratites.
- (s) sales of groundwater measuring devices required by A.R.S. Section 45-604.
- (t) sales of paintings, sculptures or similar works of fine art, provided that such works of fine art are sold by the original artist; and provided further that sales of "art creations", such as jewelry, macrame, glasswork, pottery, woodwork, metalwork, furniture, and clothing, when such "art creations" have a dual purpose, both aesthetic and utilitarian, are not exempt, whether sold by the artist or by another.
- (u) sales of aircraft acquired for use outside the State, as prescribed by Regulation.
- (v) sales of food products by producers as provided for by A.R.S. Sections 3-561, 3-562 and 3-563.
- (w) (Reserved)
- (x) (Reserved)
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- (z) gross income received for tangible personal property consisting of manufactured items destroyed by being subjected to destructive stress, strain or similar testing, for the purpose of developing engineering information or for the purpose of quality control, but only to the extent that a sale of said property would otherwise be exempt by the provisions of this Chapter.
- (aa) THE SALE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY USED IN REMEDIATION CONTRACTING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 5-10-100 AND REGULATION 5-10-100.5.

Section 3. Section 5-10-660 of the City of Mesa Privilege & Excise Tax Code is amended to read:

Sec. 5-10-660. Use tax: exemptions.

The storage or use in this City of the following tangible personal property is exempt from the Use Tax imposed by this Article:

- (a) tangible personal property brought into the City by an individual who was not a resident of the City at the time the property was acquired for his own use, if the first actual use of such property was outside the City, unless such property is used in conducting a business in this City.
- (b) tangible personal property, the value of which does not exceed the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per item, acquired by an individual outside the limits of the City for his personal use and enjoyment.
- (c) charges for delivery, installation, or other customer services, as prescribed by Regulation.
- (d) charges for repair services, as prescribed by Regulation.
- (e) separately itemized charges for warranty, maintenance, and service contracts.
- (f) prosthetics.
- (g) income-producing capital equipment.
- (h) rental equipment and rental supplies.
- (i) mining and metallurgical supplies.
- (j) motor vehicle fuel and use fuel which are used upon the highways of this State and upon which a tax has been imposed under the provisions of Article I or II, Chapter 9, Title 28, Arizona Revised Statutes.
- (k) tangible personal property purchased by a construction contractor, but not an owner-builder, when such person holds a valid Privilege License for engaging or continuing in the business of construction contracting, and where the property acquired is incorporated into any structure or improvement to real property in fulfillment of a construction contract.
- (l) sales of motor vehicles to nonresidents of this State for use outside this State if the vendor ships or delivers the motor vehicle to a destination outside this State.
- (m) tangible personal property which directly enters into and becomes an ingredient or component part of a product sold in the regular course of the business of job printing, manufacturing, or publication of newspapers, magazines or other periodicals. Tangible personal property which is consumed or used up in a manufacturing, job printing, publishing, or production process is not an ingredient nor component part of a product.
- (n) rental, leasing, or licensing for use of film, tape, or slides by a theater or other person taxed under Section 5-10-410, or by a radio station, television station, or subscription television system.
- (o) food served to patrons for a consideration by any person engaged in a business properly licensed and taxed under Section 5-10-455, but not food consumed by owners, agents, or employees of such business.
- (p) tangible personal property acquired by any nonprofit health care facility, except when the property is in fact used in activities resulting in gross income from unrelated business income as that term is defined in 26 U.S.C. Section 512.

- (q) Food purchased with food stamps provided through the Food Stamp Program established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-113; 91 Stat. 958.7 U.S.C. Section 2011 Et Seq.) or purchased with food instruments issued under Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act (P.L. 95-627; 92 Stat. 3603; and P.L. 99-669; Section 4302).
- (r) the following tangible personal property purchased by persons engaging or continuing in the business of farming, ranching, or feeding livestock, poultry or ratites:
 - (1) seed, fertilizer, fungicides, seed treating chemicals, and other similar chemicals.
 - (2) feed for livestock, poultry or ratites, including salt, vitamins, and other additives to such feed.
 - (3) livestock, poultry or ratites purchased or raised for slaughter, but not including livestock purchased or raised for production or use, such as milch cows, breeding bulls, laying hens, riding or work horses.
 - (4) (Reserved)

This exemption shall not be construed to include machinery, equipment, fuels, lubricants, pharmaceuticals, repair and replacement parts, or other items used or consumed in the running, maintenance, or repair of machinery, equipment, buildings, or structures used or consumed in the business of farming, ranching, or feeding of livestock, poultry or ratites.
- (s) groundwater measuring devices required by A.R.S. Section 45-604.
- (t) paintings, sculptures, or similar works of fine art, provided that such works of fine art are purchased from the original artist; and provided further that "art creations", such as jewelry, macrame, glasswork, pottery, woodwork, metalwork, furniture, and clothing, when such "art creations" have a dual purpose, both aesthetic and utilitarian, are not exempt, whether purchased from the artist or from another.
- (u) Aircraft acquired for use outside the State, as prescribed by Regulation.
- (v) sales of food products by producers as provided for by A.R.S. Sections 3-561, 3-562 and 3-563.
- (w) (Reserved)
- (x) (Reserved)
- (y) (Reserved)
- (z) tangible personal property used or stored by this City.
- (aa) TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY USED IN REMEDIATION CONTRACTING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 5-10-100 AND REGULATION 5-10-100.5.

Section 4. The City of Mesa Privilege & Excise Tax Code is amended by adding Regulation 5-10-100.5:

Reg. 5-10-100.5. REMEDIATION CONTRACTING

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE CONSIDERED REMEDIATION CONTRACTING AND ARE EXEMPT:

- (1) EXCAVATION, TRANSPORTATION, TREATMENT, AND/OR DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATED SOIL FOR PURPOSES OF SITE REMEDIATION (RATHER THAN CHARACTERIZATION);
- (2) INSTALLATION OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION AND/OR INJECTION WELLS FOR PURPOSES OF GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION;
- (3) INSTALLATION OF PUMPS AND PIPING INTO GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION WELLS FOR REMEDIATION PURPOSES;
- (4) INSTALLATION OF VAPOR EXTRACTION WELLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOIL OR GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION;

- (5) CONSTRUCTION OF REMEDIATION SYSTEMS, SUCH AS GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, VAPOR EXTRACTION SYSTEMS, OR AIR INJECTION SYSTEMS;
- (6) CONNECTION OF REMEDIATION SYSTEMS TO UTILITIES;
- (7) ABANDONMENT OF GROUNDWATER OR VAPOR EXTRACTION WELLS;
- (8) REMOVAL/DEMOLITION OF REMEDIATION SYSTEMS;
- (9) CAPPING/CLOSURE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES; AND
- (10) SERVICE OR HANDLING CHARGES FOR SUBCONTRACTED REMEDIATION CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES.

UPDATE INFORMATION
(4/98)

For the Tax Code of the City of MESA

Attached are copies of the update to your tax code to reflect passage of your new Ordinance 3420 (Environmental Remediation Amendments). Please remove the old pages and insert the new pages as indicated below.

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If you have any questions, please call the League office at 602 258-5786.

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TO: SELECTED CITY/TOWN CLERKS
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SUBJECT: MODEL CITY TAX CODE UPDATES - CORRECTION

Late last week, we sent out updates to your model city tax codes, incorporating your adoption of the environmental remediation amendments and, in some instances, other changes to the tax code. **Please disregard that mailing.** It has come to our attention that several of you received updates for the wrong city. Apparently mailing labels were mixed up and you probably received an update for a city other than your own. I apologize profusely for the mix up and am resending the correct updates to each of you in this mailing.

Again, my apologies for our error, please call if I can be of assistance.

"Construction Contractor" means a person who undertakes to or offers to undertake to, or purports to have the capacity to undertake to, or submits a bid to, or does himself or by or through others, construct, alter, repair, add to, subtract from, improve, move, wreck, or demolish any building, highway, road, railroad, excavation, or other structure, project, development, or improvement to real property, or to do any part thereof. "Construction contractor" includes subcontractors, specialty contractors, prime contractors, and any person receiving consideration for the general supervision and/or coordination of such a construction project except for remediation contracting. This definition shall govern without regard to whether or not the construction contractor is acting in fulfillment of a contract.

"Delivery (of Notice) by the Tax Collector" means "receipt (of notice) by the taxpayer".

"Delivery, Installation, or Other Direct Customer Services" means services or labor, excluding repair labor, provided by a taxpayer to or for his customer at the time of transfer of tangible personal property; provided further that the charge for such labor or service is separately billed to the customer and maintained separately in the taxpayer's books and records.

"Engaging", when used with reference to engaging or continuing in business, includes the exercise of corporate or franchise powers.

"Equivalent Excise Tax" means either:

- (1) a Privilege or Use Tax levied by another Arizona municipality upon the transaction in question, and paid either to such Arizona municipality directly or to the vendor; or
- (2) an excise tax levied by a political subdivision of a state other than Arizona upon the transaction in question, and paid either to such jurisdiction directly or to the vendor; or
- (3) an excise tax levied by a Native American Government organized under the laws of the federal government upon the transaction in question, and paid either to such jurisdiction directly or to the vendor.

"Federal Government" means the United States Government, its departments and agencies; but not including national banks or federally chartered or insured banks, savings and loan institutions, or credit unions.

"Food" means any items intended for human consumption as defined by rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue, State of Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 42-1387. Under no circumstances shall "food" include alcoholic beverages or tobacco, or food items purchased for use in conversion to any form of alcohol by distillation, fermentation, brewing, or other process.

"Hotel" means any public or private hotel, inn, hostelry, tourist home, house, motel, rooming house, apartment house, trailer, or other lodging place within the City offering lodging, wherein the owner thereof, for compensation, furnishes lodging to any transient, except foster homes, rest homes, sheltered care homes, nursing homes, or primary health care facilities.

"Job Printing" means the activity of copying or reproducing an article by any means, process, or method. "Job printing" includes engraving of printing plates, embossing, copying, micrographics, and photo reproduction.

"Lessee" includes the equivalent person in a rental or licensing agreement for all purposes of this Chapter.

"Lessor" includes the equivalent person in a rental or licensing agreement for all purposes of this Chapter.

"Licensing (for Use)" means any agreement between the user ("licensee") and the owner or the owner's agent ("licensor") for the use of the licensor's property whereby the licensor receives consideration, where such agreement does not qualify as a "sale" or "lease" or "rental" agreement.

"Lodging (Lodging Space)" means any room or apartment in a hotel or any other provider of rooms, trailer spaces, or other residential dwelling spaces; or the furnishings or services and accommodations accompanying the use and possession of said dwelling space, including storage or parking space for the property of said tenant.

"Prosthetic" means any of the following tangible personal property if such items are prescribed or recommended by a licensed podiatrist, chiropractor, dentist, physician or surgeon, naturopath, optometrist, osteopathic physician or surgeon, psychologist, hearing aid dispenser, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or veterinarian:

- (1) any man-made device for support or replacement of a part of the body, or to increase acuity of one of the senses. Such items include: prescription eyeglasses; contact lenses; hearing aids; artificial limbs or teeth; neck, back, arm, leg, or similar braces.
- (2) insulin, insulin syringes, and glucose test strips sold with or without a prescription.
- (3) hospital beds, crutches, wheelchairs, similar home health aids, or corrective shoes.
- (4) drugs or medicine, including oxygen.
- (5) equipment used to generate, monitor, or provide health support systems, such as respiratory equipment, oxygen concentrator, dialysis machine.
- (6) durable medical equipment which has a federal health care financing administration common procedure code, is designated reimbursable by Medicare, can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, is generally not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury and is appropriate for use in the home.

"Receipt (of Notice) by the Taxpayer" means the earlier of actual receipt or the first attempted delivery by certified United States mail to the taxpayer's address of record with the Tax Collector.

"Remediation" means those actions that are reasonable, necessary, cost-effective and technically feasible in the event of the release or threat of release of hazardous substances into the environment such that the waters of the State are or may be affected, such actions as may be necessary to monitor, assess and evaluate such release or threat of release, actions of remediation, removal or disposal of hazardous substances or taking such other actions as may be necessary to prevent, minimize or mitigate damage to the public health or welfare or to the waters of the State which may otherwise result from a release or threat of release of a hazardous substance that will or may affect the waters of the State. Remediation activities include the use of biostimulation with indigenous microbes and bioaugmentation using microbes that are nonpathogenic, nonopportunistic and that are naturally occurring. Remediation activities may include community information and participation costs and providing an alternative drinking water supply.

"Rental Equipment" means tangible personal property sold, rented, leased, or licensed to customers to the extent that the item is actually used by the customer for rental, lease, or license to others; provided that:

- (1) (Reserved)
- (2) the vendee is regularly engaged in the business of renting, leasing, or licensing such property for a consideration; and
- (3) the item so claimed as "rental equipment" is not used by the person claiming the exemption for any purpose other than rental, lease, or license for compensation, to an extent greater than fifteen percent (15%) of its actual use.

"Rental Supply" means an expendable or nonexpendable repair or replacement part sold to become part of "rental equipment", provided that:

- (1) the documentation relating to each purchased item so claimed specifically itemizes to the vendor the actual item of "rental equipment" to which the purchased item is intended to be attached as a repair or replacement part; and
- (2) the vendee is regularly engaged in the business of renting, leasing, or licensing such property for a consideration; and
- (3) the item so claimed as "rental equipment" is not used by the person claiming the exemption for any purpose other than rental, lease, or license for compensation, to an extent greater than fifteen percent (15%) of its actual use.

"Repairer" means a person who restores or renews products, wares, or articles of manufacture.

"Resides within the City" means in cases other than individuals, whose legal addresses are determinative of residence, the engaging, continuing, or conducting of regular business activity within the City.

"Restaurant" means any business activity where articles of food, drink, or condiment are customarily prepared or served to patrons for consumption on or off the premises, also including bars, cocktail lounges, the dining rooms of hotels, and all caterers. For the purposes of this Chapter, a "fast food" business, which includes street vendors and mobile vendors selling in public areas or at entertainment or sports or similar events, who prepares or sells food or drink for consumption on or off the premises is considered a "restaurant", and not a "retailer".

"Retail Sale (Sale at Retail)" means the sale of tangible personal property, except the sale of tangible personal property to a person regularly engaged in the business of selling such property.

"Retailer" means any person engaged or continuing in the business of sales of tangible personal property at retail.

- (s) sales of groundwater measuring devices required by A.R.S. Section 45-604.
- (t) sales of paintings, sculptures or similar works of fine art, provided that such works of fine art are sold by the original artist; and provided further that sales of "art creations", such as jewelry, macrame, glasswork, pottery, woodwork, metalwork, furniture, and clothing, when such "art creations" have a dual purpose, both aesthetic and utilitarian, are not exempt, whether sold by the artist or by another.
- (u) sales of aircraft acquired for use outside the State, as prescribed by Regulation.
- (v) sales of food products by producers as provided for by A.R.S. Sections 3-561, 3-562 and 3-563.
- (w) (Reserved)
- (x) (Reserved)
- (y) (Reserved)
- (z) gross income received for tangible personal property consisting of manufactured items destroyed by being subjected to destructive stress, strain or similar testing, for the purpose of developing engineering information or for the purpose of quality control, but only to the extent that a sale of said property would otherwise be exempt by the provisions of this Chapter.
- (aa) the sale of tangible personal property used in remediation contracting as defined in Section 5-10-100 and Regulation 5-10-100.5.

Sec. 5-10-470. Telecommunication services.

- (a) The tax rate shall be at an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the gross income from the business activity upon every person engaging or continuing in the business of providing telecommunication services to consumers within this City.
 - (1) Telecommunication services shall include:
 - (A) two-way voice, sound, and/or video communication over a communications channel.
 - (B) one-way voice, sound, and/or video transmission or relay over a communications channel.
 - (C) facsimile transmissions.
 - (D) providing relay or repeater service.
 - (E) providing computer interface services over a communications channel.
 - (F) time-sharing activities with a computer accomplished through the use of a communications channel.
 - (2) Gross income from the business activity of providing telecommunication services to consumers within this City shall include:
 - (A) all fees for connection to a telecommunication system.
 - (B) toll charges, charges for transmissions, and charges for other telecommunications services; provided that such charges relate to transmissions originating in the City and terminating in this State.
 - (C) fees charged for access to or subscription to or membership in a telecommunication system or network.
 - (D) charges for monitoring services relating to a security or burglar alarm system located within the City where such system transmits or receives signals or data over a communications channel.
- (b) Resale telecommunication services. Gross income from sales of telecommunication services to another provider of telecommunication services for the purpose of providing the purchaser's customers with such service shall be exempt from the tax imposed by this Section; provided, however, that such purchaser is properly licensed by the City to engage in such business.
- (c) Interstate transmissions. Charges by a provider of telecommunication services for transmissions originating in the City and terminating outside the State are exempt from the tax imposed by this Section.
- (d) (Reserved)
- (e) (Reserved)

- (r) the following tangible personal property purchased by persons engaging or continuing in the business of farming, ranching, or feeding livestock, poultry or ratites:
 - (1) seed, fertilizer, fungicides, seed treating chemicals, and other similar chemicals.
 - (2) feed for livestock, poultry or ratites, including salt, vitamins, and other additives to such feed.
 - (3) livestock, poultry or ratites purchased or raised for slaughter, but not including livestock purchased or raised for production or use, such as milch cows, breeding bulls, laying hens, riding or work horses.
 - (4) (Reserved)

This exemption shall not be construed to include machinery, equipment, fuels, lubricants, pharmaceuticals, repair and replacement parts, or other items used or consumed in the running, maintenance, or repair of machinery, equipment, buildings, or structures used or consumed in the business of farming, ranching, or feeding of livestock, poultry or ratites.

- (s) groundwater measuring devices required by A.R.S. Section 45-604.
- (t) paintings, sculptures, or similar works of fine art, provided that such works of fine art are purchased from the original artist; and provided further that "art creations", such as jewelry, macrame, glasswork, pottery, woodwork, metalwork, furniture, and clothing, when such "art creations" have a dual purpose, both aesthetic and utilitarian, are not exempt, whether purchased from the artist or from another.
- (u) Aircraft acquired for use outside the State, as prescribed by Regulation.
- (v) sales of food products by producers as provided for by A.R.S. Sections 3-561, 3-562 and 3-563.
- (w) (Reserved)
- (x) (Reserved)
- (y) (Reserved)
- (z) tangible personal property used or stored by this City.
- (aa) tangible personal property used in remediation contracting as defined in Section 5-10-100 and Regulation 5-10-100.5.

Reg. 5-10-100.5. Remediation Contracting.

The following activities are considered remediation contracting and are exempt:

- (1) excavation, transportation, treatment, and/or disposal of contaminated soil for purposes of site remediation (rather than characterization);
- (2) installation of groundwater extraction and/or injection wells for purposes of groundwater remediation;
- (3) installation of pumps and piping into groundwater extraction wells for remediation purposes;
- (4) installation of vapor extraction wells for the purpose of soil or groundwater remediation;
- (5) construction of remediation systems, such as groundwater treatment plants, vapor extraction systems, or air injection systems;
- (6) connection of remediation systems to utilities;
- (7) abandonment of groundwater or vapor extraction wells;
- (8) removal/demolition of remediation systems;
- (9) capping/closure construction activities; and
- (10) service or handling charges for subcontracted remediation contracting activities.