

Director Barrett

From: Director Barrett [directorbarrett@saltoncsd.org]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 11:32 AM
To: 'Rosa Reagles'
Cc: scsd@saltoncsd.ca.gov; directorbarrett@saltoncsd.org; ssaf.1@netzero.net
Subject: Sales Tax Evasion

To: Board of Directors, Salton Community Services District

Below is an email I sent to the State Board of Equalization and there response to it.

I also ran into David Erskine at the market and told him I'd give him a copy also for his records. He informed me that the district is also selling maps. I'm sure sales tax laws apply to those sales also.

I brought this issue up during the Boards first budget meeting but nobody seemed to think it was an important matter. I'm sure the BOE would think otherwise.

Good Day,

James G. Barrett

Hello,

Photocopies and incoming faxes are taxable since a tangible personal property is provided. You are correct that local governments are not exempt from taxes...only the federal government is. Sales tax should be collected and remitted to the Board. If you currently do not have a seller's permit you can apply for one. You can find information on how to apply by visiting our Registration page on our website:

<http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/reg.htm>

Thank you for contacting the Board of Equalization's Taxpayer Information Section. If you have any questions, please contact us between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday* (Pacific Time), at (800) 400-7115. We wish you luck in your future endeavors.

Thank you, NN

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E-file now, find out how . . .

<http://www.boe.ca.gov/electsrv/esrvcont.htm>

*excluding holidays

-----Original Message-----

From: Hartman, Joanna

Sent: Monday, July 07, 2008 2:33 PM
To: EAD-CSPD Web Requests
Subject: FW: Salton Community Services District - Complaint

The below email was received through the tax evasion website but is a sales tax related question.

Will you please respond to the sender? Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: James.G.Barrett@useqwb11.boe.ca.gov
[mailto:James.G.Barrett@useqwb11.boe.ca.gov]
Sent: Saturday, July 05, 2008 12:09 PM
To: ID-Tax Evasion
Subject: Salton Community Services District - Complaint

From: James G. Barrett

Email: directorbarrett@saltoncsd.org

Comments: For years the Salton Community Services District in Imperial County has been making photocopies and sending faxes as a service to the general public. The faxes and photocopies are of a personal nature and are not related to district business.

The district charges fees for these services, and as far as I could find out, as a Director on the districts Board of Directors, the district is not charging or submitting any sales taxes on these transactions.

Up until just recently there has been no commercial enterprise in the area that provides these services.

Now that a post office etc. type of business has just opened up a block from the district office, there is no bonafide need for the district to provide this service anymore.

The previous paragraph aside, I believe the district should have been paying the BOE sales tax on the faxes and photocopies and should continue to do so if they continue the service.

Am I correct? During my research of the issue on your website and elsewhere on the web I have found no exemption that would allow the district to provide this service tax exempt.

As a district we count on people paying their taxes due to us just like the State relies on its' duly owed taxes and fees also. It is what it is.

My phone is 760-574-9669 and any insight into this matter would be of great help to me as a director and also as a citizen. We all need to pay the taxes that the law says we have to pay. If the district needs to establish policy in order to conform with tax code then I'd certainly draft the legislation and place it on the next monthly agenda.

Thank you for your time, James G. Barrett

The districts office number is 760-394-4446.

Thanks again.

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