Huachuca City Sales Tax Increases Support Data

The Town of Huachuca City, Arizona, is very low on its current Sales Tax rate of 1.5%, and presently, the Town does not impose tax on retail sales of food for home consumption.

The current Town tax rate of 1.5% is one of the lowest in Arizona. Many surrounding cities in Cochise County are currently at 2.8% or higher. The lowest municipal sales tax rate in Cochise County (besides Huachuca City) is Sierra Vista at 1.95%. In an attempt to increase our Town revenues, the Town of Huachuca City would propose:

Increase the Sales Tax from 1.5% to 1.9% on the following items: Advertising, Amusements, Contracting-Prime, Contractor-Speculative, Contractor-Owner, Feed at Wholesale, Job Printing, Manufactured Buildings, Timbering & Other Extractions, Publications, Hotels, Rental Occupancy, Rental Licensing & Leasing for Use of Tangible Personal Property, Restaurant & Bar, Retail Sales, Retail Sales Food for Home Consumption, MRRA, Communications, Transportation and Utilities.

- This sales tax increase would include imposing the 1.9% tax on retail sales of food for home consumption, which the Town has not previously imposed.
- With this proposal, the Council will also consider lowering its current taxes on residential and commercial rental, leasing and licensing from 1.5% to 1.0%.

These sales tax increases will be considered by Huachuca City Town Council on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 7:00 pm, at Town Hall located at 500 N. Gonzales Blvd, Huachuca City, AZ. Before the Council takes action on this proposal, a public hearing will be held on September 13th, 2018, at 6:45pm, at Town Hall.

If approved, these changes would go into effect on December 1st, 2018.

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