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**CHANGES IN LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX RATES  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010**

Effective January 1, 2010, some local communications services tax (CST) rates will change. These local tax rate changes are pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the governing authority of the county or municipality. The local tax rate for CST includes both the local rate imposed under the CST statute (Section 202.19, Florida Statutes) and the discretionary sales surtax imposed under the sales and use tax statute (Section 212.055, F.S.). The new rates are effective for all bills issued on or after January 1, 2010, regardless of the date the service is rendered or transacted. These rates will stay in effect until further notice by the Department of Revenue.

This Tax Information Publication (TIP) does not include rate changes due to changes in the county discretionary sales surtax. The deadline for counties to notify the Department of these rate changes is November 16, prior to the January 1 effective date. We are required to send this notice, pursuant to Section 202.21, F.S., and an additional notice after November 16, pursuant to Sections 202.20(3) and 212.054(7)(a), F.S.

The following jurisdictions will have a rate change due to a local ordinance:

<b>January 2010 - CST Rate Changes</b>	<b>Total Local Rate</b>
<b>Cape Coral</b> – Lee County	5.22%
<b>Gulf Breeze</b> – Santa Rosa County	4.55%
<b>Gulf County</b> Unincorporated Area	2.34%
<b>Naples</b> – Collier County	5.22%
<b>Newberry</b> – Alachua County	5.72%
<b>Oak Hill</b> – Volusia County	5.52%

**Note:** We urge you to use caution in changing rates at this time. Another TIP and a complete rate schedule, which will include **all January rate changes**, will be sent in late November.

**References:** Sections 202.19, 202.21 and 212.055, Florida Statutes

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