jurisdiction, from whom that power is delegated, in trust for the member jurisdiction and is accountable to the commission and member jurisdiction.

### 69.06.030 Collection; rate.

- (a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, the sales tax levied and assessed by the member jurisdiction shall be collected on all remote sales where delivery is made within the member jurisdiction, within the state of Alaska.
- (b) The applicable tax shall be added to the sales price as provided in the member jurisdiction's sales tax code, based on point of delivery, and based on the date the property or product was sold or the date the service rendered was received.
- (c) The tax rate added to the sale price shall be the tax rate for the member jurisdiction(s) where the property or product is sold or service that was rendered is received, and based on the date the property or product was sold or the date the service rendered was received.
- (d)(c) An address and tax rate database will be made available to remote sellers and marketplace facilitators, indicating the appropriate tax rate to be applied.
- (e)(d) The tax assessed shall be consistent with relevant jurisdictional tax caps, single unit sales, and exemptions.
- (f)(e) When a sale is made on an installment basis, the applicable sales tax shall be collected at each payment, calculated at the sales tax rate in effect, and with the cap applied, at the time of the original sale or the date the service is rendered, based on the member jurisdictions' code(s).
- (g)(f) When a sales transaction involves placement of a single order with multiple deliveries made at different points in time that are separately invoiced, the applicable sales tax shall be collected on each separately invoiced delivery, calculated at the sales tax rate in effect, and with the cap applied, at the time of the original sale or the date the service is rendered.
- (g) The sales tax levied and assessed by the member jurisdiction may be included in the sales price on taxable sales where buyer and seller convenience would be substantially enhanced, provided the seller clearly communicates to the buyer that sales tax is being imposed.

### 69.06.040 Obligation to collect tax; threshold criteria.

(a) Any remote seller or marketplace facilitator must collect and remit sales tax in compliance with all applicable procedures and requirements of law, provided the remote seller or marketplace facilitator has met one of the following threshold criteria ("threshold criteria") in the current or previous calendar year:

where the point of delivery is in a member jurisdiction.

- (e) A marketplace facilitator is considered the remote seller for each sale facilitated through its marketplace and shall collect, report, and remit sales tax to the commission. A marketplace facilitator is not considered to be the remote seller for each sale or rental of lodging facilitated through its marketplace, wherein the seller is considered to have a physical presence in the member jurisdiction.
- (f) The following marketplace facilitators shall report and remit to, and comply with standards of, including audit authority, the member jurisdiction:
  - (1) Delivery network companies that deliver tangible personal property on behalf of a marketplace seller that is engaged in business in a member jurisdiction,
  - (2) Marketplaces facilitating the rental of transient lodging accommodations in hotels, commercial transient lodging facility, homes, apartments, cabins or other residential dwelling units, and
  - (3) Marketplaces that facilitate or perform travel agency services.

### 69.06.060 Bundled transactions.

- (a) If the sales price of a bundled transaction is attributable to products or services that are taxable and products or services that are nontaxable, the portion of the sales price attributable to the nontaxable products may be subject to tax unless the seller can identify the nontaxable portion by reasonable and verifiable standards using its books or records that are kept in the regular course of business for other purposes, including, but not limited to, non-tax purposes.
- (b) A bundled transaction as defined in CBJ 69.06.270 does not qualify for exemption under a member jurisdiction's single item cap or single service cap exemption.
  - (1) A seller may separate the respective portions of a bundle for purposes of applying a member jurisdiction's single item or single service tax cap to each respective portion.
  - (2) The seller should identify the sales price attributed to each portion by reasonable and verifiable standards using its books or records that are kept in the regular course of business for other purposes, including, but not limited to, non-tax purposes.

### 69.06.0760 No retroactive application.

The obligations to collect and remit sales tax required by this chapter are applicable at the effective date of the member jurisdiction's ordinance adopting the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code.

69.06.0870 Payment and collection.

Pursuant to this chapter, taxes imposed shall be due and paid by the buyer to the remote seller or marketplace facilitator at the time of the sale of property or product or date service is rendered, or with respect to credit transactions, at the time of collection. It shall be the duty of each remote seller or marketplace facilitator to collect the taxes from the buyer and to hold those taxes in trust for the taxing authority of the member jurisdiction. Failure by the remote seller or marketplace facilitator to collect the tax shall not affect the remote seller's, or marketplace facilitator's, responsibility for payment to the commission.

# 69.06.0980 Remote seller and marketplace facilitator registration requirement.

- (a) If a remote seller's gross statewide sales meets or exceeds the threshold criteria under CBJ 69.06.040, the remote seller shall register with the commission. If the remote seller is a marketplace seller and only makes sales in Alaska through a marketplace, the marketplace seller is not required to register with the commission. The marketplace seller must submit an affidavit attesting to these facts on a form provided by the commission.
- (b) If a marketplace facilitator's gross statewide sales meets or exceeds the threshold criteria under CBJ 69.06.040, the marketplace facilitator shall register with the commission. This requirement does not apply to the following marketplace facilitators:
  - (1) Delivery network companies that deliver tangible personal property on behalf of a marketplace seller that is engaged in business in a member jurisdiction,
  - (2) Marketplaces facilitating the rental of transient lodging accommodations in hotels, commercial transient lodging facility, homes, apartments, cabins or other residential dwelling units, and
  - (3) Marketplaces that facilitate or perform travel agency services.
- (c) A remote seller or marketplace facilitator meeting the threshold criteria shall apply for a certificate of sales tax registration within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this chapter or within 30 calendar days of meeting the threshold criteria, whichever occurs second. Registration shall be to the commission on forms prescribed by the commission.
- (d) An extension may be applied for and granted based on criteria established by the commission, based on evidence produced to describe time necessary to update software or other technical needs, not to exceed 90 days.
- (e) Upon receipt of a properly executed application, the commission shall confirm

registration, stating the legal name of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator, the primary address, and the primary sales tax contact name and corresponding title. The failure of the commission to confirm registration does not relieve the remote seller or marketplace facilitator of its duty to collect and remit sales tax.

- (f) Each business entity shall have a sales tax registration under the advertised name.
- (g) The sales tax certificate is non-assignable and non-transferable.
- (h) The sales tax certificate satisfies a member jurisdiction's requirement to obtain a municipal business license, provided the remote seller does not have a physical presence in that member jurisdiction.

# 69.06.<del>090</del>100 Tax filing schedule.

- (a) All remote sellers or marketplace facilitators subject to this chapter shall file a return on a form or in a format prescribed by the commission and shall pay the tax due.
- (b) Filing of sales tax returns are due monthly; quarterly or less frequent filing is optional upon application and approval by the commission, consistent with the code of the member\_jurisdiction.
- (c) A remote seller or marketplace facilitator who has filed a sales tax return will be presumed to be making sales in successive periods unless the remote seller or marketplace facilitator files a return showing a termination or sale of the business in accordance with this chapter.
- (d) The completed and executed return, together with the remittance in full for the tax due, shall be transmitted to and must be received by the commission on or before midnight Alaska Standard Time on the due date. Monthly returns are due the last day of the immediate subsequent month. Quarterly returns are due as follows:

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Quarter 1 (January – March): April 30.
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Quarter 2 (April – June): July 31.

Quarter 3 (July – September): October 31.

Quarter 4 (October – December): January 31.

- (e) If the last day of the month following the end of the filing period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, federal holiday, or Alaska state holiday, the due date will be extended until the next business day immediately following.
- (e)(f) Any remote seller or marketplace facilitator holding a remote seller registration shall file a sales tax return even though no tax may be due. This return shall show why no tax is due. If the remote seller or marketplace facilitator intends to continue doing business a return shall be filed reflecting no sales and a confirmation of the

intent to continue doing business and shall continue to do so each filing period until the entity ceases doing business or sells the business. If the remote seller or marketplace facilitator intends to cease doing business, a final return shall be filed along with a statement of business closure.

- (f)(g) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall prepare the return and remit sales tax to the commission on the same basis, cash or accrual, which the remote seller or marketplace facilitator uses in preparing its federal income tax return. The remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall sign the return, and transmit the return, with the amount of sales tax and any applicable penalty, interest, or fees that it shows to be due, to the commission.
- (g)(h) Remote sellers and marketplace facilitators failing to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall, if required by the commission and if quarterly filing has been chosen, file and transmit collected sales taxes more frequently until such time as they have demonstrated to the commission that they are or will be able to comply with the provisions of this chapter. Six consecutive on-time sales tax filings, with full remittance of the sales taxes collected, shall establish the presumption of compliance and return to quarterly filing.
- (h)(i) The preparer of the sales tax return shall keep and maintain all documentation supporting any and all claims of exempted sales and purchases. Documentation for exempted sales should include the number of the exemption authorization card presented by the buyer at the time of the purchase, the date of the purchase, the name of the person making the purchase, the organization making the purchase, the total amount of the purchase, and the amount of sales tax exempted. This documentation shall be made available to the commission upon request. Failure to provide such documentation may invalidate that portion of the claim of exemption for which no documentation is provided.

### 69.06.1100 Estimated tax.

- (a) In the event the commission is unable to ascertain the tax due from a remote seller or marketplace facilitator by reason of the failure of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator to keep accurate books, allow inspection, or file a return, or by reason of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator filing a false or inaccurate return, the commission may make an estimate of the tax due based on any evidence in their possession.
- (b) Sales taxes may also be estimated, based on any information available, whenever the commission has reasonable cause to believe that any information on a sales tax return is not accurate.
- (c) A remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's tax liability under this chapter may be determined and assessed for a period of three years after the date the return was filed or due to be filed with the commission. No civil action for the collection of such

tax may be commenced after the expiration of the three-year period except an action for taxes, penalties, and interest due from those filing periods that are the subject of a written demand or assessment made within the three-year period, unless the remote seller or marketplace facilitator waives the protection of this section.

- (d) The commission shall notify the remote seller or marketplace facilitator, in writing, that the commission has estimated the amount of sales tax that is due from the remote seller or marketplace facilitator. The commission shall serve the notice on the remote seller or marketplace facilitator by delivering the notice to the remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's place of business, or by mailing the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's last known mailing address. A remote seller or marketplace facilitator who refuses the certified mail will be considered to have accepted the certified mail for purposes of service.
- (e) The commission's estimate of the amount of sales tax that is due from a remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall become a final determination of the amount that is due unless the remote seller or marketplace facilitator, within 30 calendar days after service of notice of the estimated tax:
  - (1) Files a complete and accurate sales tax return for the delinquent periods supported by satisfactory records and accompanied by a full remittance of all taxes, interest, penalties, costs, and other charges due; or
  - (2) Files a written notice with the commission appealing the estimated tax amount in accordance with the appeal procedures under the provisions of CBJ 69.06.160.
  - (3) Arguments or reasons for failure to timely file a return and remit taxes collected shall not be considered a valid basis or grounds for granting an appeal. The basis and grounds for granting an appeal of an assessment are:
    - (A) The identity of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator is in error;
    - (B) The amount of the debt is erroneous due to a clerical error (and the nature and extent of the error is specified in the request for appeal); or
    - (C) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator disputes the denial of exemption(s) for certain sales.
- (f) The amount of sales tax finally determined to be due under this section shall bear interest and penalty from the date that the sales tax originally was due, plus an additional civil penalty of \$50.00 for each calendar month or partial month for which the amount of sales tax that is due has been determined.

(d) The member jurisdictions may allow a buyer to request a refund directly from the member jurisdiction.

### 69.06.1430 Amended returns.

- (a) A remote seller or marketplace facilitator may file an amended sales tax return, with supporting documentation, and the commission may accept the amended return, but only in the following circumstances:
  - (1) The amended return is filed within one year of the original due date for the return <u>for amended returns reducing the originally reported tax due</u>; and
  - (2) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator provides a written justification for requesting approval of the amended return; and
  - (3) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator agrees to submit to an audit upon request of the commission.
  - (4) An amended return that increases the tax due from the amount originally reported can be submitted by a remote seller or marketplace facilitator at any time.
- (b) The commission shall notify the remote seller or marketplace facilitator in writing (by email or otherwise) whether the commission accepts or rejects an amended return, including the reasons for any rejection.
- (c) The commission may adjust a return for a remote seller or marketplace facilitator if, after investigation, the commission determines the figure included in the original returns are incorrect; and the commission adjusts the return within three years of the original due date for the return.
- (d) A remote seller or marketplace facilitator may file a supplemental sales tax return, with supporting documentation, and the commission may accept the supplemental return, but only in the following circumstances:
  - (1) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator provides a written justification for requesting approval of the supplemental return; and
  - (2) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator agrees to submit to an audit upon request of the commission.

### 69.06.1540 Extension of time to file tax return.

Upon written application of a remote seller or marketplace facilitator, stating the reasons therefor, the commission may extend the time to file a sales tax return but only if the commission finds each of the following:

- (e) The commission may adjust a return for a remote seller or marketplace facilitator if, after investigation or audit, the commission determines that the figures included in the original return are incorrect, and that additional sales taxes are due; and the commission adjusts the return within three of the original due date for the return.
- (f) If after investigation or audit, the commission determines that he remote seller or marketplace facilitator over-collected sales taxes, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator may request a refund with the submission of a detailed refund plan outlining the process by which the impacted customer will be refunded; the refund plan must be approved by the commission before the refund will be issued to the remote seller or marketplace facilitator.
- (g)(f) For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of a return or the amount of taxes owed when a return has not been filed, the commission may conduct investigations, hearings, and audits, and may examine any relevant books, papers, statements, memoranda, records, accounts, or other writings of any remote seller or marketplace facilitator at any reasonable hour on the premises of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator, and may require the attendance of any officer or employee of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator. Upon written demand by the commission, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall present for examination, in the office of the commission, such books, papers, statements, memoranda, records, accounts, and other written material as may be set out in the demand unless the commission and the person upon whom the demand is made agree to presentation of such materials at a different place.
- (h)(g) The commission may issue subpoenas to compel attendance or to require production of relevant books, papers, records, or memoranda. If any remote seller or marketplace facilitator refuses to obey any such subpoena, the commissioner may refer the matter to the commission's attorney for an application to the superior court for an order requiring the remote seller or marketplace facilitator to comply there with.
- (i)(h) Any remote seller, marketplace facilitator, or person engaged in business who is unable or unwilling to submit their records to the commission shall be required to pay the commission for all necessary expenses incurred for the examination and inspection of their records maintained outside the commission.
- (i)(i) After the completion of a sales tax audit, the results of the audit will be sent to the business owner's address of record.
- (k)(j) In the event the commission, upon completion of an audit, discovers more than \$500.00 in additional sales tax due from a remote seller or marketplace facilitator resulting from a remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's failure to accurately report sales and taxes due thereupon, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall bear responsibility for the full cost of the audit. The audit fee assessment will be in addition to interest and penalties applicable to amounts deemed to be

delinquent by the commission at the time of the conclusion of the audit.

# 69.06.1760 Audit or estimated tax protest Protests.

- (a) If the remote seller or marketplace facilitator wishes to dispute <u>a finding of the commission involving taxable sales</u>, sales taxes, or penalties and interest the <u>amount of the estimate</u>, or the results of an examination or audit, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator must file a written protest with the <u>commission protest review committee</u>, within 30 calendar days of the date of the <u>written notice</u> of <u>the commission's findings estimated tax or results of an audit or examination</u>. The protest must set forth:
  - (1) The remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's justification for reducing or increasing the <u>taxes</u>, <u>penalties</u>, <u>or interest due from the commission's</u>

    <u>findings estimated tax amount</u>, <u>including any missing sales tax returns for the periods estimated</u>; or
  - (2) The remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's reasons for challenging the commission's findings-examination or audit results.
- (b) In processing the protest, the <u>commission protest review committee</u> may hold an informal meeting or hearing with the remote seller or marketplace facilitator, either on its own or upon request of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator, and may also require that the remote seller or marketplace facilitator submit to an audit, if one was not previously conducted or a more formal audit, if an estimation audit was previously performed.
- (c) The <u>commission protest review committee</u> shall make a final written determination on the remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's protest and mail a copy of the determination to the remote seller or marketplace facilitator.
- (d) If a written protest is not filed within 30 days of the date of the <u>written</u> notice of <u>estimated tax or the result of a review, audit, or examination the commission's findings</u>, then the <u>estimated tax</u>, <u>review</u>, <u>audit</u>, <u>or examination result findings</u> shall be final, due and payable to the commission.

#### 69.06.1870 Penalties and interest for late filing.

- (a) A late filing fee of \$25.00 per month, or fraction thereof, shall be added to all late-filed sales tax reports, until a total of \$100.00 has been reached. An incomplete return shall be treated as the filing of no return.
- (b) Delinquent sales tax bear interest at the rate of 15 percent per annum until paid.
- (c) In addition, delinquent sales tax shall be subject to an additional penalty of five percent per month, or fraction thereof, until a total of 20 percent of delinquent tax

has been reached. The penalty does not bear interest.

- (d) Penalties and interest shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as the tax is assessed and collected, and applied first to penalties and interest, second to past due sales tax.
- (e) The filing of an incomplete return, or the failure to remit all tax, shall be treated as the filing of no return.
- (f) A penalty assessed under this section for the delinquent remittance of sales tax or failure to file a sales tax return may be waived by the commission, upon written application of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator accompanied by a payment of all delinquent sales tax, interest, and penalty otherwise owed by the remote seller or marketplace facilitator, within 45 calendar days after the date of delinquency. A remote seller or marketplace facilitator may not be granted more than one waiver of penalty under this subsection in any one calendar year, in accordance with the commission's penalty waiver policy. The commission shall report such waivers of penalty to the member jurisdiction, in writing.

# 69.06.1980 Remote reseller certificate of exemption.

- (a) A remote seller with no physical presence in a member jurisdiction purchasing goods or services for the express purpose of resale to buyer(s) located in that member jurisdiction shall apply for a resale certificate through the commission.
- (b) The Remote Reseller Certificate of Exemption will expire at the end of the calendar year it is issued.

#### 69.06.<del>19</del>200 Repayment plans.

- (a) The commission may agree to enter into a repayment plan with a delinquent remote seller or marketplace facilitator. No repayment plan shall be valid unless agreed to by both parties in writing.
- (b) A remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall not be eligible to enter into a repayment plan with the commission if the remote seller or marketplace facilitator has defaulted on a repayment plan in the previous two calendar years.
- (c) The repayment plan shall include a secured promissory note that substantially complies with the following terms:
  - (1) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator agrees to pay a minimum of 10 ten percent down payment on the tax, interest, and penalty amount due. The down payment shall be applied first to penalty, then to accumulated interest, and then to the tax owed.

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(2) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator agrees to pay the balance of the tax, penalty and interest owed in monthly installments over a period not to exceed two years.

- (3) Interest at a rate of 15 percent per annum shall accrue on the principal sum due. Interest shall not apply to penalties owed or to interest accrued at the time the repayment plan is executed or accruing during the term of the repayment plan.
- (4) If the remote seller or marketplace facilitator is a corporation or a limited liability entity the remote seller or marketplace facilitator agrees to provide a personal guarantee of the obligations under the repayment plan.
- (5)The remote seller or marketplace facilitator agrees to pay all future tax bills in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (6) The remote seller or marketplace facilitator agrees to provide a security interest in the form of a sales tax lien for the entire unpaid balance of the promissory note to be recorded by the commission at the time the repayment plan is signed. The remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall be responsible for the cost of recording the tax lien.
- (d) If a remote seller or marketplace facilitator fails to pay two or more payments in accordance with the terms of the repayment plan agreement, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall be in default and the entire amount owed at the time of default shall become immediately due. The commission will send the remote seller or marketplace facilitator a notice of default. The commission may immediately foreclose on the sales tax lien or take any other remedy available under the law.

#### 69.06.2100 Remote seller or marketplace facilitator record retention.

Remote sellers or marketplace facilitators shall keep and preserve suitable records of all sales made and such other books or accounts as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax that the remote seller or marketplace facilitator is obliged to collect. Remote sellers or marketplace facilitators shall preserve suitable records of sales for a period of three years from the date of the return reporting such sales, and shall preserve for a period of three years all documentation supporting exempted sales of goods or services, and all such other books, invoices, and records as may be necessary to accurately determine the amount of taxes which the remote seller or marketplace facilitator was obliged to collect under this chapter.

### 69.06.2210 Cessation or transfer of business.

(a) A remote seller or marketplace facilitator who sells, leases, conveys, forfeits, assigns, gifts, or otherwise transfers (collectively, a "transfer") the majority of their

business interest, including to a creditor or secured party, shall make a final sales tax return within 30 days after the date of such conveyance.

- (b) At least ten 10 business days before any such transfer is completed, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall send to the commission, by approved communication (email confirmation, certified first-class mail, postage prepaid) a notice that the remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's interest is to be conveyed and shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity to whom the interest is to be conveyed.
- (c) Upon notice of transfer and disclosure of buyer, the commission shall be authorized to disclose the status of the remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's sales tax account to the named buyer or assignee.
- (d) Upon receipt of notice of a transfer, the commission shall send the transferee a copy of the Uniform Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code with this section highlighted.
- (e) Neither the commission's failure to give the notice nor the transferee's failure to receive the notice shall relieve the transferee of any obligations under this section.
- (f) Following receipt of the notice, the commission shall have 60 days in which to perform a final sales tax audit and assess sales tax liability against the remote seller or marketplace facilitator. If the notice is not mailed at least ten 10 business days before the transfer is completed, the commission shall have 12 months from the date of the completion of the transfer or the commission's knowledge of the completion of the transfer within which to begin a final sales tax audit and assess sales tax liability against the remote seller or marketplace facilitator. The commission may also initiate an estimated assessment if the requirements for such an assessment exist.
- (g) A person acquiring any interest of a remote seller or marketplace facilitator in a business required to collect the tax under this chapter assumes the liability of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator for all taxes due the commission, whether current or delinquent, whether known to the commission or discovered later, and for all interest, penalties, costs, and charges on such taxes.
- (h) Before the effective date of the transfer, the transferee of a business shall obtain from the commission an estimate of the delinquent sales tax, penalty, and interest, if any, owed by the remote seller or marketplace facilitator as of the date of the transfer, and shall withhold that amount from the consideration payable for the transfer, until the remote seller or marketplace facilitator has produced a receipt from the commission showing that all tax obligations imposed by this chapter have been paid. A transferee that fails to withhold the amount required under this subsection shall be liable to the commission and taxing jurisdiction for the lesser of the amount of delinquent sales tax, penalty, and interest due from the remote seller or marketplace facilitator as of the date of transfer, and the amount that the

transferee was required to withhold.

- (i) In this section, the term "transfer" includes the following:
  - (1) A change in voting control, or in more than 50 percent of the ownership interest in a remote seller or marketplace facilitator that is a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership; or
  - (2) A sale of all or substantially all the assets used in the business of the remote seller or marketplace facilitator; or
  - (3) The initiation of a lease, management agreement, or other arrangement under which another person becomes entitled to the remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's gross receipts from sales, rentals, or services.
- (j) Subsection (h) of this section shall not apply to any person who acquires their ownership interest in the ongoing business as a result of the foreclosure of a lien that has priority over the commission's sales tax lien.
- (k) Upon termination, dissolution, or abandonment of a business entity, any officer having control or supervision of sales tax funds collected, or who is charged with responsibility for the filing of returns or the payment of sales tax funds collected, shall be personally liable for any unpaid taxes, interest, administrative costs, and penalties on those taxes if such person willfully fails to pay or cause to be paid any taxes due from the entity. In addition, regardless of willfulness, each director, member, or general partner of the entity shall be jointly and severally liable for unpaid amounts. The person shall be liable only for taxes collected which became due during the period he or she had the control, supervision, responsibility, or duty to act for the entity. This section does not relieve the entity of other tax liabilities or otherwise impair other tax collection remedies afforded by law.
- (l) A remote seller or marketplace facilitator who terminates the business without the benefit of a purchaser, successor, or assign shall make a final tax return and settlement of tax obligations within 30 days after such termination. If a final return and settlement are not received within 30 days of the termination, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall pay a penalty of \$100.00, plus an additional penalty of \$25.00 for each additional thirty-day period, or part of such a period, during which the final return and settlement have not been made, for a maximum of six additional periods.

### 69.06.2320 Use of information on tax returns.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all returns, reports, and information required to be filed with the commission under this chapter, and all information contained therein, shall be kept confidential and shall be subject to inspection only by:

of the records of that remote seller or marketplace facilitator as otherwise provided

in this chapter.

- (g) A prospective lessee or purchaser of any business or business interest may inquire as to the obligation or tax status of any business upon presenting to the commission a release of tax information request signed by the authorized agent of the business.
- (h) Except as otherwise provided herein, all returns referred to in this chapter, and all data taken therefrom, shall be kept secure from public inspection, and from all private inspection.

#### 69.06.2<u>4</u>30 Violations.

- (a) A remote seller or marketplace facilitator that fails to file a sales tax return or remit sales tax when due, in addition to any other liability imposed by this chapter, shall pay to the commission all costs incurred by the commission to determine the amount of the remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's liability or to collect the sales tax, including, without limitation, reviewing and auditing the remote seller's or marketplace facilitator's business records, collection agency fees, and actual reasonable attorney's fees.
- (b) A person who causes or permits a corporation of which the person is an officer or director, a limited liability company of which the person is a member or manager, or a partnership of which the person is a partner, to fail to collect sales tax or to remit sales tax to the commission as required by this chapter shall be liable to the commission for the amount that should have been collected or remitted, plus any applicable interest and penalty.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and whether or not the commission initiates an audit or other tax collection procedure, the commission may bring a declaratory judgment action against a remote seller or marketplace facilitator believed to meet the criteria to establish that the obligation to remit sales tax is applicable and valid under local, state, and federal law. The action shall be brought in the judicial district of the member jurisdiction.
- (d) The commission may cause a sales tax lien to be filed and recorded against all real and personal property of a remote seller or marketplace facilitator where the remote seller or marketplace facilitator has:
  - (1) Failed to file sales tax returns for two consecutive filing periods as required by the chapter; or
  - (2) Failed within 60 days of the end of the filing period from which taxes were due to either (a) remit all amounts due or (b) to enter into a secured payment agreement as provided in this chapter.
  - (3) Prior to filing a sales tax lien, the commission shall cause a written notice

(h) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as preventing the commission from filing and maintaining an action at law to recover any taxes, penalties, interest and/or fees due from a remote seller or marketplace facilitator. The commission may also recover attorney's fees in any action against a delinquent remote seller or marketplace facilitator.

### 69.06.2650 Remittance of tax; remote seller held harmless.

- (a) Any remote seller or marketplace facilitator that collects and remits sales tax to the commission as provided by law may use an electronic database of state addresses that is certified by the commission pursuant to subsection (c) of this section to determine the member jurisdictions to which tax is owed.
- (b) Any remote seller or marketplace facilitator that uses the data contained in an electronic database certified by the commission pursuant to subsection (c) of this section to determine the jurisdictions to which tax is owed shall be held harmless for any tax, charge, or fee liability to any member jurisdiction that otherwise would be due solely as a result of an error or omission in the database.
- (c) Any electronic database provider may apply to the commission to be certified for use by remote sellers or marketplace facilitators pursuant to this section. Such certification shall be valid for three years. In order to be certified, an electronic database provider shall have a database that satisfies the following criteria:
  - (1) The database shall designate each address in the state, including, to the extent practicable, any multiple postal address applicable to one location and the taxing jurisdictions that have the authority to impose a tax on purchases made by purchasers at each address in the state.
  - (2) The information contained in the electronic database shall be updated as necessary and maintained in an accurate condition. In order to keep the database accurate, the database provider shall provide a convenient method for member jurisdictions that may be affected by the use of the database to inform the provider of apparent errors in the database. The provider shall have a process in place to promptly correct any errors brought to the provider's attention.

### 69.06.2<u>7</u>60 Savings Clause.

If any provision of CBJ 69.06, Uniform Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax, and CBJ 69.05, Uniform Sales Tax, is determined by the commission or an adjudicatory body of competent jurisdiction to discriminate against a remote seller in favor of a local seller with a physical presence in the member jurisdiction, the discriminatory provision shall continue in effect only to the extent such provision does not discriminate against a remote seller, and the comparable

code provision applicable to a local seller will apply to a remote seller, and the remainder of CBJ 69.06 and CBJ 69.05 shall continue in full force and effect.

### 69.06.2870 Definitions.

Adoption of definitions does not compel an individual municipality to exempt certain defined items. Each municipality should specifically adopt definitions necessary for consistency to implement both brick-and-mortar sales tax code and provisions related to remote sellers or marketplace facilitators. For definitions that have no applicability to brick-and-mortar sales tax code, municipality may choose to either include definitions in the definitional section of general sales tax ordinance or adopt the common definitions by reference.

Bundled transaction means the retail sale of two or more products, except real property and services to real property, where (1) the products are otherwise distinct and identifiable, and (2) the products are sold for one non-itemized price. A bundled transaction does not include the sale of any products in which the sales price varies, or is negotiable, based on the selection by the purchaser of the products included in the transaction.

- (a) Distinct and identifiable products do not include:
  - (1) Packaging such as containers, boxes, sacks, bags, and bottles or other materials such as wrapping, labels, tags, and instruction guides that accompany the retail sale of the products and are incidental or immaterial to the retail sale thereof.
  - (2) A product provided free of charge with the required purchase of another product. A product is provided free of charge if the sales price of the product purchased does not vary depending on the inclusion of the product provided free of charge.
- (b) The term "one non-itemized price" does not include a price that is separately identified by product on binding sales or other supporting sales-related documentation made available to the customer in paper or electronic form including, but not limited to an invoice, bill of sale, receipt, contract, service agreement, lease agreement, periodic notice of rates and services, rate card, or price list.
- (c) A transaction that otherwise meets the definition of a bundled transaction as defined above, is not a bundled transaction if it is:
  - (1) The retail sale of tangible personal property and a service where the tangible personal property is essential to the use of the service, and is provided exclusively in connection with the service, and the true object of the transaction is the service; or

- (2) The retail sale of services where one service is provided that is
  essential to the use or receipt of a second service and the first service
  is provided exclusively in connection with the second service and the
  true object of the transaction is the second service; or
- (3) A transaction that includes taxable products and nontaxable products and the purchase price or sales price of the taxable products is de minimis.

*Buyer or purchaser* means a person to whom a sale of property or product is made or to whom a service is furnished.

*Commission* means the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission established by agreement between local government taxing jurisdictions within Alaska, and the delegated tax collection authority.

 $Delivered\ electronically\ means\ delivered\ to\ the\ purchaser\ by\ means\ other\ than\ tangible\ storage\ media.$ 

*Delivery charges* means charges by the seller of personal property or services for preparation and delivery to a location designated by the purchaser of personal property or services including, but not limited to, transportation, shipping, postage, handling, crating and packing.

<u>Delivery network company</u> means a business that facilitates, through the use of an <u>Internet website or mobile application, the delivery of products or services.</u>

<u>Digital good</u> means any product delivered electronically whether downloaded, streamed or subscribed to. A digital good generally takes the form of a license to use or store in a digital or electronic format. Digital goods are generally intangible property for purposes of this chapter.

<u>Digital service</u> means any service delivered electronically that uses one or more software applications. Digital service includes any service that primarily involves the application of human effort by the seller, and the human effort originated after the customer requested the service, provided the service is delivered electronically.

*Entity-based exemption* means an exemption based on who purchases the product or who sells the product. An exemption that is available to all individuals shall not be considered an entity-based exemption.

### Goods for resale means:

(1) The sale of goods by a manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor to a retail vendor, and sales to a wholesale or retail dealer who deals in the property sold for the purpose of resale by the dealer.

- (2) The sale of personal property as raw material to a person engaged in manufacturing components for sale, where the property sold is consumed in the manufacturing process of, or becomes an ingredient or component part of, a product manufactured for sale by the manufacturer.
- (3) The sale of personal property as construction material to a licensed building contractor where the property sold becomes part of the permanent structure.

Lease or rental means any transfer of possession or control of tangible personal property for a fixed or indeterminate term for consideration. A lease or rental may include future options to purchase or extend.

*Local sale* means a sale by a seller with a physical presence in a taxing jurisdiction, where the point of delivery is a location within the same taxing jurisdiction.

*Marketplace* means a physical or electronic place, platform or forum, including a store, booth, internet website, catalog, or dedicated sales software application, where products or services are offered for sale.

*Marketplace facilitator* means a person that contracts with <u>remote\_marketplace</u> sellers to facilitate for consideration, regardless of whether deducted as fees from the transaction, the sale of the <u>remote\_marketplace</u> seller's property, product, or services through a physical or electronic marketplace operated by the person, and engages:

- (a) Directly or indirectly, through one or more affiliated persons, in any of the following:
  - (1) Transmitting or otherwise communicating the offer or acceptance between the buyer and remote-marketplace seller;
  - (2) Owning or operating the infrastructure, electronic or physical, or technology that brings buyers and remote-marketplace sellers together;
  - (3) Providing a virtual currency that buyers are allowed or required to use to purchase products from the <u>remote-marketplace</u> seller; or
  - (4) Software development or research and development activities related to any of the activities described in (b) of this subsection-(3), if such activities are directly related to a physical or electronic marketplace operated by the person or an affiliated person; and
- (b) In any of the following activities with respect to the seller's products:
  - (1) Payment processing services;

(4) Rents or Leases property located within the boundaries of the member jurisdiction.

A seller that establishes a physical presence within the member jurisdiction in any calendar year will be deemed to have a physical presence within the local taxing jurisdiction for the following calendar year.

*Point of delivery* means the location at which property or a product is delivered or service rendered.

- (1) When the product is not received or paid for by the purchaser at a business location of a remote seller in a member jurisdiction, the sale is considered delivered to the location where receipt by the purchaser (or the purchaser's recipient, designated as such by the purchaser) occurs, including the location indicated by instructions for delivery as supplied by the purchaser (or recipient) and as known to the seller;
- (2) When the product is received or paid for by a purchaser who is physically present at a business location of a remote seller in a taxing jurisdiction the sale is considered to have been made in the member jurisdiction where the purchaser is present even if delivery of the product takes place in another member jurisdiction. Such sales are reported and tax remitted directly to the member jurisdiction and not to the commission;
- (3) When the service is not received by the purchaser at a business location of a remote seller, the service is considered delivered to the location where the purchaser receives the service;
- (4) For products or services transferred electronically, or other sales where the remote seller or marketplace facilitator lacks a delivery address for the purchaser, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator shall consider the point of delivery of the sale to be the billing address of the buyer.

*Product-based exemptions* means an exemption based on the description of the product and not based on who purchases the product or how the purchaser intends to use the product.

*Professional services* means services performed by architects, attorneys-at-law, certified public accountants, dentists, engineers, land surveyors, surgeons, veterinarians, and practitioners of the healing arts (the arts and sciences dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure or alleviation of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities) and such occupations that require a professional license under Alaska Statute.

*Property* and *product* and *good* means both tangible property, an item that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or that is in any other manner perceptible to the senses;

Delivery charges;

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and intangible property, anything that is not physical in nature (i.e.; intellectual property, Quarter means trimonthly periods of a calendar year; January-March, April-June, July-Receive or receipt for the purposes of CBJ 69.06.030 and the definition of Point of Taking possession of property or product; Taking possession or making first use of digital goods, whichever comes first. The terms "receive" and "receipt" do not include temporary possession by a shipping Remote sales means sales of goods, or services, or bundled transactions by a remote Remote seller means a seller or marketplace facilitator making sales of goods, goods services, or services or bundled transactions delivered within the State of Alaska, without having a physical presence in the member jurisdiction in which delivery is being made. Resale of services means sales of intermediate services to a business the charge for which Sale or retail sale means any transfer of property for consideration for any purpose other Sales price or purchase price means the total amount of consideration, including cash, credit, property, products, and services, for which property, products, services, or services or bundled transactions are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or The seller's cost of the property or product sold; The cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest, losses, all costs of

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2	For purposes of CBJ 69.06, the commission may promulgate supplemental definitions that are incorporated into this Remote Seller Sales Tax Code, provided they are not in conflict with or contrary to the definitions set forth in CBJ 69.05. Supplemental definitions are available at www.arsstc.org/code. Provisions of the supplemental definitions that are amended, deleted, or added prior to or after the effective date of the latest amendment to this chapter shall be applicable for purposes of this chapter on the effective date provided for such amendments, deletions, or additions, including retroactive provisions.  Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2025.		
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