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Ohio's New Mobile App Simplifies Sales Tax

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(Columbus, OH) -- The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) is pleased to announce the launch of the Ohio Sales Tax Rate Finder mobile app, a resource offered for free to business people, shoppers or anyone who wants to know the correct sales tax rate wherever they happen to be in the state.

Each of Ohio's 88 counties has its own sales tax rate ranging from 6.5-to-8.0%* of the taxable price of the product or service being purchased. The Sales Tax Rate Finder uses GPS (Global Positioning System) technology to accurately identify the location where the purchase occurs and the appropriate tax rate at that location.

Ohio Tax Commissioner Joe Testa says the mobile app is designed to be a convenient resource for shoppers, shippers, and service providers doing business in multiple locations around Ohio, "Our goal is always to make it as easy as possible to navigate Ohio's tax system. All of the different sales tax rates can be hard to keep track of, but this app will simplify that process and provide accurate and up to date information."

Testa says the app will not only give you the sales tax rate, it will calculate the total amount due (price + tax), let you save the tax information for later reference or send the information by text or email.

The user needs only to push the 'Current Location' button on the app, or provide an address or zip code where the purchase is occurring, and the amount of the transaction. The app will do the rest.

This is the second module ODT has developed for its mobile app. Earlier this year, the department rolled out a module that allows you to check on the status of your Ohio income tax refund.

Both apps are available to download at no charge at the Google Play or iTunes App Store. You can access either via the ODT web site at **tax.ohio.gov**

*(*Includes the state sales tax rate of 5.75%.)*

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