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**Attention: All Businesses Preparing for Sales Tax Change**

During the primary election held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Tuscarawas County voters approved a **countywide two year sales** tax increase to support improvements to the county 911 communications system. The Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff are grateful to the voters of Tuscarawas County for providing the means to move forward with this project, which is vital in promoting the general health and safety of those in Tuscarawas County.

**County vendors must take appropriate steps to have cash registers reprogrammed for the October 1<sup>st</sup> change, as there will be no automatic notification sent from the Ohio Department of Taxation.**

**Vendors who need a new sales tax chart may call the county auditor's office at 330-365-3220. Vendors also may request email notification of sales tax changes at [tax.ohio.gov](mailto:tax.ohio.gov).**

**This sales tax increase is for a two year period, and is to take effect October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, and will end September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** The approved additional 0.5 percent sales tax will increase the total tax rate paid in Tuscarawas County from 6.75 percent to 7.25 percent. Of the new tax rate (7.25 percent), 5.75 percent is allocated to the state, 1 percent is allocated to the county general fund, and the newly approved additional 0.5 percent is allocated to a 911 improvement fund.