



Retail Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption

Swoope Volunteer Fire Company
697 Parkersburg Turnpike
Staunton, VA 24401-6124

Issued Date: 05/13/2016
Expiration Date: 05/13/2021
Exemption Number: SE521241777F05132021

This letter confirms that your organization qualifies under *Code of Virginia* § 58.1-609.11 to purchase tangible personal property without paying the Virginia sales and use tax. On or after April 22, 2016, the organization may purchase meals, prepared food and catering for its use or consumption. The exemption also applies to tangible personal property sold by the organization for fundraising activities. The exemption is not applicable to the purchase of taxable services, such as hotel and motel accommodations.

To purchase tangible personal property without paying Virginia sales and use tax:

- Present a copy of this letter to each dealer.
- Pay directly from the organization’s funds (i.e., debit card, credit card or checking account). Purchases by a member of the organization from his personal funds (i.e., cash, personal credit card or personal checking account) are taxable even though they may be reimbursed by the organization. If the organization issues credit cards to employees who are responsible for payment of the charges that are reimbursed by the organization, these types of transactions are taxable.
- Employees or members may NOT use this exemption certificate to purchase goods for personal use.
- The organization must establish: 1) that the provision of meals, prepared food and catering to individuals furthers an official function, mission, service or purpose of the organization; and 2) that the organization has determined to whom, when, and how the meals or food are served or consumed.

Dealers, please note the following:

- The dealer is required to have a valid certificate of exemption from each organization on file.

I certify that the item(s) being purchased will be used or consumed by the organization named above and that payment for this purchase is made to the vendor from the organization’s funds.

Organization’s Authorized Representative: _____ Printed Name: <u>Kevin Wilkes</u>
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Any misuse of exemption certificates will be subject to the penalties prescribed in § 58.1-623.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.