**Private Letter Ruling**

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| **Ruling Number:** | **P-2000-052** |

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| **Tax Type:** | **Kansas Retailers' Sales Tax** |
| **Brief Description:** | **Catering services.** |
| **Keywords:** |  |
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**Body:**

Office of Policy & Research  
  
  
October 13, 2000

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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX:  
  
The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter dated August 17, 2000. This is a private letter ruling pursuant to Kansas Administrative Regulation 92-19-59.  
  
I have reviewed the facts as contained in your letter. Pursuant to K.A.R. 92-19-69, your company is required to impose tax on the total selling price of your service. The total selling price includes, but is not limited to charges for food, beverage, service charge, hall rental, flowers and other incidentals.  
  
Kansas Administrative Regulation 92-19-69 states:

Caterers. (a) Each person engaged in the business of catering is a retailer as defined in K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 79-3602(d). Each retailer shall collect sales tax on the total gross receipts received from the sale of food, meals and drinks, other than alcoholic liquor as defined in K.S.A. 41-102 as amended by L. 1987, Ch. 182, Sec. 1 and amendments, and cereal malt beverages as defined in K.S.A. 41-2701 as amended by L. 1987, Ch. 182, Sec. 97, and amendments, unless specifically exempt. Sales tax shall be imposed on the total selling price of the transaction without any  
deduction or exclusion for labor or services expended, skill, time spent, overhead and other expenses incurred by the caterer in producing the tangible personal property or profit thereon, regardless of how any contract, invoice or other evidence of the transaction is stated or computed, and whether separately billed or segregated on the same bill.  
(b) Each amount designated as a service charge added to the price of food, meals or drinks, shall be a part of the selling price of the food, meals or drinks, and shall be included in the total selling price subject to sales tax, even though such charges are made in lieu of tips and are paid over by the retailer in whole or in part to the retailer's employees.  
(c) The gross receipts received by a person holding a temporary permit as defined in K.S.A. 41-2601 as amended by L. 1987, Ch. 182, Sec. 60, from each sale of alcoholic liquor as defined in K.S.A. 41-102 as amended by L. 1987, Ch. 182, Sec. 1 and amendments, and cereal malt beverages as defined in K.S.A. 41-2701 as amended by L. 1987, Ch. 182, Sec. 97 and amendments, upon which no Kansas excise tax has been paid, shall be subject to sales tax. (Authorized by K.S.A. 79-  
3618, implementing K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 79-3602, K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 79-3606 as amended by L. 1987, Ch. 292, Sec. 32, as further amended by L. 1987, Ch. 64, Sec. 1; effective May 1, 1988.)

This private letter ruling is based solely on the facts provided in your request. If it is determined that undisclosed facts were material or necessary to an accurate determination by the department, this ruling is null and void. This private letter ruling will be revoked in the future by operation of law without further department action if there is a change in the statutes, administrative regulations, or case law, or a published revenue ruling, that materially effects this private letter ruling.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
  
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**Date Composed: 10/16/2000 Date Modified: 10/11/2001**