

## **OUTLINE OF CHANGES TO MODEL CITY TAX CODE**

The attached Model City Tax Code changes, summarized below, were approved by the Municipal Tax Code Commission in April 2011.

### **Section 1**

This section adds language to the existing definitions of "Food" and "Prosthetic", and creates a new definition for the phrase "Medical marijuana". These changes were made for the purpose of specifically excluding medical marijuana from those definitions, and thus excluding sales of medical marijuana from the related exemptions available under the Retail classification of the Model City Tax Code (MCTC). The additional language makes it clear that medical marijuana sales are taxable at the regular Retail tax rate in all cities and towns. This section shall be effective from and after June 1, 2011.

### **Sections 2-4**

The changes in these sections are to comply with the 2010 regular legislative session passage of [HB 2700](#). HB2700 changed the sunset date under Contracting in A.R.S. 42-5075(B)(14) for installed solar energy devices, extending the deadline from January 1, 2011 to 2017. The three affected sections of the MCTC have the same language and these changes align the sunset date in the MCTC with the State statute. A technical correction adding reference to the Arizona Revised Statutes is also being added to the exemption for development fees in each section. These sections shall be effective from and after July 29, 2010.

### **Section 5**

New subsection 445(s) is added to incorporate [HB2510](#), passed during the 2010 regular legislative session, which prohibited cities and towns from taxing commercial rentals between two corporations when either the landlord or lessor corporation owns at least 80% of the voting stock of the other corporation. Also allows exemption if a third corporation owns 80% of both the landlord and the lessor corporations, and treats a "reciprocal insurer" as if it were a "corporation" for purposes of the exemption. This section shall be effective from and after July 29, 2010.

### **Section 6**

The changes in this section were made based on cooperation and compromise between the Unified Audit committee and banking interests. The changes address the treatment of successor privilege tax liability in the event of a foreclosure. The new language allows for the deferral of payment of the delinquent privilege tax until after the creditor subsequently sells the property, aligning the cash flow related to the property with payment of the tax liability.

In addition, this amendment will allow for the creditor's tax base to be based on their subsequent selling price, and also provides for tax credits in the event the debtor comes forward to pay their liability after the creditor's payment. This section shall be effective from and after May 1, 2010.

### **Section 7**

During the 2009 regular legislative session, [SB1196](#) created a use tax exemption for school districts and charter schools which was not previously incorporated into the MCTC. This preemption in A.R.S. 42-6004(F) exempts the storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property by a school district or charter school. This section shall be effective from and after September 30, 2009