

# Town of Castle Rock Affidavit of Exempt Sale

This form is provided by home rule municipalities within the State of Colorado to record supporting information for any transaction on which an exemption from tax is claimed. The form is maintained by the seller for tax-exempt sales.

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### Instructions for Town of Castle Rock Affidavit of Exempt Sale

#### **General Instructions**

#### **Purpose of Form**

This form is used to certify to sellers that a purchase qualifies for exemption under *3.04.130- Town of Castle Rock Municipal Code* 

**For Sellers**, accepting and keeping this document helps you obtain correct information about the purchaser, which helps you prove this is an exempt sale during a tax audit.

**For Purchasers**, completing this document and giving it to seller helps to speed up your purchase process.

#### Reminders

**Furnish to seller.** This form should be furnished to the seller charging the tax. Do not send this form to the taxing jurisdiction. This form is not for organizations to request certification of their tax-exempt status.

**Direct payment required.** Purchases must be billed to and paid directly by the funds of the organization or agency in order to qualify for exemption. Payment in cash (without a purchase order) or by personal check or personal credit card disqualifies a purchase from exemption even if the purchaser is subsequently reimbursed. Purchases made on credit cards issued by the organization, but where the cardholder receives and pays the bill and is subsequently reimbursed, also do not qualify for exemption.

**Reimbursement disqualifies exemption.** If the organization or agency will be reimbursed, in whole or in part, the purchase is disqualified from exemption. For example, the purchase of food for a banquet for which the organization sells tickets as a fundraiser would not qualify for exemption.

**Disputed tax must be collected.** If there is a dispute between the purchaser and the seller as to whether tax applies, Town of Castle Rock 3.04.130 (B), (2003 State of Colorado Sales Tax Code) 39-26-114(1) (B) requires the seller to collect the tax. The seller must give the purchaser a receipt showing the tax collected. The purchaser may apply to the applicable municipality directly for a refund by filing a *Claim for Refund* form.

**Signature required.** The individual making the purchase must sign and date the form at the bottom. A separate affidavit may be required for each transaction. General purchaser or store information may be completed in advance and kept on file by the seller or purchaser for ease of use.

#### **Purchaser Instructions**

**Purchase details.** Identify the accurate qualified exemption reason and complete the required information for that exemption.

**Purchaser information.** Print the legal name of the organization or agency. Governmental agencies should include both the name of the government and the department or agency, for example, US Department of Transportation, Colorado Department of Education, or Adams County Human Services. Abbreviations such as "Dept." are acceptable but <u>do not use acronyms</u>. List the organization's or agency's mailing address, municipality, state, and zip code.

**Expedite purchase.** Purchase details and purchaser information may be completed in advance and the partially completed form kept on file by the purchaser for completion at time of each transaction.

**Declaration of affiant.** The individual making the purchase on behalf of the exempt organization or agency (the affiant) must complete the declaration.

**Signature.** You are swearing, under penalty of perjury, to the accuracy of the statements made in this affidavit. Carefully read and ensure that you understand each item before signing this affidavit. After reviewing the form for accuracy, sign and date the form. Furnish this form to the seller. Do not send a copy to the municipality.

#### Seller Instructions

Sellers have the burden of proving that a transaction was properly exempted. If an exemption is subsequently disallowed by the municipality, you (the seller) could be liable for the tax plus penalties and interest. This form is provided to help you determine if a sale qualifies for exemption. The sale is not exempt from taxes simply because this affidavit is completed. The responsibility for proper collection of taxes remains with the seller. You are encouraged to obtain this form for <u>each transaction</u> and complete <u>all</u> of the information in the lower *Seller Verification* section.

**Resale/Wholesale transactions**. To qualify as an exempt purchase for resale or wholesale, the items purchased must be reasonably deemed to be for sale in the ordinary course of business of the purchaser. For resale/wholesale transactions the seller is required to not only collect the applicable license information, but to exercise sound judgment and a reasonable amount of skepticism to ensure the items purchased are reasonably for sale in the purchaser's ordinary course of business. For example, a restaurant would not be allowed to purchase dish soap for resale because restaurants do not sell dish soap in the ordinary course of business, but rather use the dish soap in the operation of the business.

The affidavit needs to be completed in its entirety. Be sure information is complete, accurate and legible. Review the information, and particularly verify that the driver's license number and purchaser's name are correct. Also, be sure that the digits that are required from the credit cards are correct. <u>Only record and keep those digits from the credit card that the affidavit requires.</u> The signature of the purchaser should be the same as on the driver license.

Sellers should review guidance on accepting government credit cards. Not all cards qualify for exemption, even though they bear certain of the listed characteristics.

**Collection of this form does not provide a safe-harbor from disallowance by the municipality.** Retain this form for at least 3 years.

