



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Sales Tax Ordinance Review**  
**Committee**

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Tuesday, February 25, 2014

12:01 PM

Assembly Chambers

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**Final Recommendation**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**Present** 5 - Committee Member John Murgass, Committee Member Sue Flint, Committee Member Hillary Whitethorn, Committee Member Nancy Strand, and Committee Member Fran Jones

**Absent** 2 - Committee Member Lee Corrao, and Committee Member Shelly Pope

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

This was approved

Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2014

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes From 2-4-14.pdf](#)

This Minutes was approved

**3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda**

This was approved

**5. Visitors Views Related to Agenda**

*Marco Banda asked to speak during the Tobacco tax discussion.*

**7. Unfinished Business - Recommendation for Assembly**

*Fran Jones made the motion to recommend to limit the senior exemption to food and heating fuel., Hilary Whitethorn seconded the motion. Discussion on the topic by John Murgas and Nancy Strand was that they were not in favor of it for a variety of reasons. Failed 4 to 1, Sue Flint the only member of the committee to vote for the motion.*

*Hilary Whitethorn suggested increasing the cap to \$1500. There was discussion to do away with the nonresident senior card, they decided not to recommend taxing fish boxes, to leave tax free days in tact, not to change point of sale and not to change the sales tax rate.*

*Fran Jones made a motion to tax all rentals, failed 3-1, Fran Jones the only member of the committee to vote for the motion.*

*Fran Jones made the final recommendation to council to raise the cap to \$1500 and to require that a senior must qualify for the PFD to get the senior citizen exemption card. It was also recommended to remove the senior exemption for nonresidents. Committee voted in favor of the recommendation 4-0.*

*Marco Banda, TPC Grant Coordinator at PIA, spoke in favor of a tobacco tax in Petersburg. He distributed a handout to the committee on the topic. He reported that taxing tobacco saves lives and that it is one of the best ways to help adults quit or cut back. He strongly recommended that a % of the tax go back into tobacco prevention and control programs. The committee felt that a tobacco tax is very important.*

**Attachments:** [Sales Tax Review Committee.pdf](#)

**Attachments:** [Ordinance #2013-1; Sales Tax.pdf](#)

## 11. Adjournment

*Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm*