

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
OFFICE OF TAX AND REVENUE



**OTR Notice 2009-11**

**Residential Utility Exemption**

December 9, 2009

Residential properties that include apartments, condominiums and cooperatives are exempt from District sales tax and should not be charged District sales tax on their utility billing, even where energy use is measured by master meters and the use has been classified as commercial.

If there is a question as to whether a property is “residential”, the utility company may request a statement from a property owner or property manager to the effect that the property is residential in nature. Utility companies will not be held liable for uncollected taxes if such a statement is accepted in good faith.

For additional information, contact OTR’s Customer Service Center at (202) 727-4TAX (4829).