

Information Guide

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
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 SELF-AUDIT FACT SHEET

Funeral Homes and Funeral Service Providers	
All funeral homes and funeral service providers must pay tax on purchases of tangible personal property or equipment and collect tax on sales of services as stated below.	
Purchases by Funeral Homes and Funeral Service Providers:	
Tangible personal property provided to customers free of charge. Examples are: guest books, thank-you cards, caskets, clothing etc.	Taxable
Items used in the preparation of the body for burial such as: make-up, chemicals, sutures, tools, embalming table and machines, embalming fluid, refrigerated holding units	Taxable
Funeral home furnishings including but not limited to: televisions, stereo and P.A. systems, furniture, wall hangings, pillows, desks, lamps, tables, shelving, plants, signs, artwork	Taxable
Purchase of hearses and other vehicles by a funeral home	Taxable
Copiers, printers, and fax machines	Taxable
Laptop & desktop computers	Taxable
Newspaper and magazine subscriptions, reference books and materials, forms, printed matter (including promotional brochures, etc.), business cards, notepads	Taxable
Security cameras and other security equipment	Taxable
Lawn services for mowing, trimming, edging, or tree removal, etc (does NOT include seeding, lawn fertilization, or application of chemicals)	Exempt
Professional services such as accounting or legal services	Exempt
Promotional items including but not limited to: calendars, mugs and articles of clothing	Taxable
Complimentary tissues, bottled water, soft drinks, coffee, creamer, sugar, cups and stir sticks	Taxable
Repair and remodeling labor services to real property	Taxable
Labor services on original construction of new building or facility	Exempt

Cleaning services, plant watering and care	Exempt
Parts and labor services of repairing, servicing, altering or maintaining tangible personal property, such as computers, printers, copiers, security equipment, etc.	Taxable
Warranty or service agreements for tangible personal property such as, computers, printers, copiers, security equipment, etc.	Taxable
Inventory Items for resale including but not limited to: caskets, guest books, thank-you cards, prayer cards, clothing	Exempt
Sales by Funeral Homes and Funeral Service Providers	
Each funeral director who charges a lump sum for a funeral service that covers the total funeral charge, including services and tangible personal property, is required to collect, report and remit sales tax on 50% of the entire amount charged for each funeral including embalming, casket and usual services	Taxable
When a funeral director charges separately for the sale of tangible personal property and for required services, the sales tax shall be collected only on an amount equal to the retail sales price for the tangible personal property if charges for tangible personal property are segregated from those services rendered on the invoice furnished to the purchaser	Taxable
Cash advances by the funeral director for the purchases of a cemetery lot or grave, remuneration to a minister or choir, use of a church and press notices	Exempt
Installation of burial containers used for the remains and cremains of deceased persons	Exempt
Embalming services that are not part of a regular funeral service	Exempt
Transportation of a body from one funeral home to another	Exempt
Items of tangible personal property on which the full amount is charged to the customer such as: clothing, flowers, thank-you cards, attendance/guest books, vaults	Taxable
Installation and lettering of headstones and grave markers	Taxable
Funeral services and/or burial paid for by the state of Kansas or another political subdivision	Exempt
Opening and closing of the grave	Exempt

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