

The Louisville Municipal Code (LMC) imposes its sales and use tax on the purchase price of tangible personal property and certain taxable services in the City by the ultimate user or consumer.

Persons engaged in the business of rendering renovation or decorating services, or persons engaged in repairing and servicing tangible personal property under a maintenance or service contract, are deemed to be providing a service and are considered the users of the articles they purchase to provide their services. These articles are subject to sales or use tax at the time they are purchased.

Examples

Louisville Company A, contracts with a janitorial service to provide office cleaning on a weekly basis. The Company requests the janitorial service to strip and wax the floors in the employee lounge area. All the equipment and waxing supplies are taxable to the janitorial service.

Beth is a Louisville decorator under contract with a real estate company to stage vacant homes. All the furnishings and decorations are taxable at the time of purchase to Beth, the decorator.

John is a window washer under contract with several Louisville area businesses to provide Spring and Fall window cleaning services. All the tools, ladders, soaps and solvents are taxable to John at the time of purchase.

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