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NEWS RELEASE

No Additional Tax on Recreational Marijuana

Court Agrees Adams County Can't Assess Special Sales Tax

June 19, 2017- Adams County cannot assess additional taxes on the sale of recreational marijuana in the incorporated areas of Adams County. The Colorado Supreme Court declined to review the case as requested by the county, thus upholding the decision of the Colorado Court of Appeals that the county's proposed tax on recreational marijuana was not authorized by state statute. This decision is in favor of the cities of Northglenn, Aurora and Commerce City who were opposed to Adams County assessing the additional sales tax within their respective corporate limits.

The Court of Appeals ruling in December 2016 reversed an Adams County District Court decision during the fall of 2016 upholding the tax, which has been challenged by the cities of Northglenn, Aurora and Commerce City as an illegal levy.

The cities claimed that Adams County didn't have the authority under state law to tax a single product. Combined with their own taxes on marijuana, the cities argued that an additional county tax put recreational marijuana retailers in their cities at a competitive disadvantage.

"We were confident from the beginning that that Adams County didn't have the authority under state law to impose a special sales tax only on marijuana," said Northglenn City Manager James A. Hayes. "Today's decision by the Colorado Supreme Court is in support of municipal government and local businesses."

Sales tax on marijuana in the City of Northglenn includes a four percent sales tax and an additional two per cent sales tax on marijuana and marijuana products.

Northglenn, Colo., is a city of 38,648 residents that is located 13 miles north of downtown Denver. In 2016, Northglenn zip code 80233 was named the third-hottest real estate market in the nation by realtor.com. In the heart of the metro area, Northglenn is a place to call home and a forward-thinking community where businesses can thrive. Learn more by visiting northglenn.org. Like us on Facebook, @cityofnorthglenn, and follow us on Twitter, @northglennco.