



GLENN HEGAR TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

July 22, 2016

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Dear Mr. Duvall:

Effective March 29, 2011, Press Club of Dallas has been granted exempt status from the Texas franchise tax and the sales and use tax as 501(c)(3) organization. The exemption does not extend to the hotel occupancy tax.

The franchise tax exemption is effective March 29, 2011, the first date the organization met the requirements for exemption under Texas Tax Code Chapter 171. The organization has satisfied all report periods prior to the effective date of the exemption, including the final franchise tax report. If you have any questions about the reports, contact our Tax Assistance Section at 1-800-252-1381.

For purposes of obtaining a refund of sales tax, the earliest allowable date is May 18, 2016.

Vendors that require verification of the exemption may use our search located online at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/exempt/exempt_search.html.

We have assigned Texas taxpayer number 17508265240 to the organization. Please reference this number in correspondence with us. The assignment of the taxpayer number does not mean the organization is permitted to collect or remit Texas taxes. Exempt organizations must collect taxes on most of their sales. Please give our Tax Assistance section a call at 1-800-252-5555 if you need a sales tax permit.

The sales tax exemption extends to goods and services purchased for use by your organization. The exemption does not apply if the purchase is for the personal benefit of an individual or private party, or is not related to the organization's exempt purpose. For more information, please see our publication # 96-122, *Exempt Organizations – Sales and Purchases*.

A valid exemption certificate (form 01-339/Back) can be issued instead of paying tax when buying taxable items necessary to the exempt purpose of the organization. The exemption certificate does not need a taxpayer number to be valid, but you may provide your taxpayer number if the seller requests it. The exemption certificate can be obtained online at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/taxforms/01-339.pdf.

Our Revenue Refunds Division is being notified that the corporation may be due a refund of franchise tax provided the corporation owes no other taxes. Refunds are usually processed within four to six weeks.

Changes to the organization's registered agent and registered office address must be filed with the Texas Secretary of State. The changes can be made online at sos.state.tx.us/corp/sosda/index.shtml or you can download the forms and instructions from sos.state.tx.us/corp/forms_option.shtml. You can also contact them at corpinfo@sos.state.tx.us or by calling 512-463-5555. It is important to maintain current registered agent information, because this is how we will contact you if we have reason to believe that your organization no longer qualifies for exemption.

Our goal is to provide you with prompt, professional service. Please take a moment to complete our on-line survey at aixtcp.cpa.state.tx.us/surveys/tpsuv2/index.html.

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If you have any questions, write to us at exempt.orgs@cpa.texas.gov or P. O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528, or call us at 844-519-5677. The fax number is 512-475-5862. Also, our publications and other helpful information are online at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/exempt/.

Sincerely,

Exempt Organizations Section
Tax Policy Division