



DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**AFFIDAVIT FOR
CHURCH UTILITY EXEMPTION**

Form 72-15-09

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF _____ **BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____, who after being by me first duly sworn, on oath deposed and said:

(NAME)

Under the penalty of perjury,

I hereby certify that the church, _____, is exempt from federal income taxation under 26 USCS Section 501(c)3. I hereby certify that I am authorized to represent the church named above in legal matters. I further certify that potable water, electricity, current, power, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or other fuel purchased by the church named above will be utilized on property that is primarily used for religious or educational purposes and qualifies for exemption from sales tax as provided in Miss. Code Ann. Section 27-65-19.

I understand that utilities at facilities used for commercial business activities such as thrift stores, etc. do not qualify for exemption from sales tax. I further certify and agree that if the above named church does not meet the requirements for exemption from federal income taxation under 26 USCS Section 501(c)3 or if the Internal Revenue Service revokes the 26 USCS Section 501(c)3 status of the above named church, the church will pay to the Mississippi Department of Revenue the full seven percent (7%) retail sales tax rate, plus a fifty percent (50%) fraud penalty and the applicable rate of interest per month from the date of purchase on all taxable utilities purchased by the church.

I affirm that if the above named church ceases to meet the requirements for exemption from federal income taxation under 26 USCS Section 501(c)3 or if the Internal Revenue Service revokes the 26 USCS Section 501(c)3 status of the church prior to December 31, of the current year, the church will notify the utility companies so that applicable sales tax rates may be charged on future purchases.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

(PRINTED NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

(STREET ADDRESS)

(MAILING ADDRESS)

Telephone Numbers: Work – (____) _____ Home - (____) _____

NOTARY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF _____

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this _____ day of _____, 20____, within my jurisdiction, the within named _____, who acknowledged that he/she is the _____ of _____ and that in said representative capacity he/she executed the above and foregoing instrument after having been duly authorized so to do.

(TITLE)

(NAME OF CHURCH)

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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