



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010**

**Study Session**

## **Item -3**

### **Food Tax Exemption Review and Opportunities**

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Jeff Pederson, City Administrator  
**Meeting:** September 21, 2010  
**Subject:** Food Tax Exemption Review and Opportunities  
**Item #'s:** 3  
**Presenter(s):** Chuck Haase, Council member

## **Background**

Council member Chuck Haase, Ward 5, requested placement on a Study Session agenda of an item for discussion of "Food Tax Exemption Review and Opportunities."

## **Discussion**

The ordinance implementing the Food and Beverage Occupation Tax does not apply to State Fair Vendors. State Statute 16-205, below, does not provide cities the authority to impose an occupation tax on a State function or facility, therefore food and beverages sold at the State Fair was not included in the ordinance.

### **16-205. License or occupation tax; power to levy; exceptions.**

A city of the first class may raise revenue by levying and collecting a license or occupation tax on any person, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or business within the limits of the city and to regulate same by ordinance. All such taxes shall be uniform in respect to the class upon which they are imposed. All scientific and literary lectures and entertainments shall be exempt from such taxation as well as concerts and all other musical entertainments given exclusively by the citizens of the city.

## **Conclusion**

This item is presented to the City Council in a Study Session to allow for any questions to be answered and to create a greater understanding of the issue at hand.