



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

**Ben Rosenfield
Controller**

**Todd Rydstrom
Deputy Controller**

August 25, 2017

José Cisneros, Treasurer
City and County of San Francisco
Room 140, City Hall

Re: Payroll Expense Tax Rate for 2017

Dear Treasurer Cisneros:

Article 12-A, Section 903.1 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code requires the Controller, commencing on the operative date of the Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance, to compute the rate of the payroll expense tax, in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of that Section.

The Section directs the Controller to certify and publish the payroll expense tax rate for 2017 by September 1, 2017.

Having completed the computation, I hereby certify the 2017 payroll expense tax rate to be 0.711%.

The Controller's Office has also calculated the annual Consumer Price Index adjustments to the small business exemption limits for the Gross Receipts Tax and the Payroll Expense Tax, as mandated Article 12-A-1, Section 954.1 and Article 12-A, Section 905-A respectively. Those small business exemption limits for 2017 are: \$1,090,000 for the Gross Receipts Tax, and \$300,000 for the Payroll Expense Tax.

We appreciate the assistance of Treasurer's Office staff with these computations. We look forward to continuing to work together on a successful implementation of the City's Gross Receipts Tax.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Rosenfield", is written over a large, light-colored oval scribble.

Ben Rosenfield
Controller