



# St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

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### **Mohawk Tribe Clarifies Tax Collection in Akwesasne Territory**

*Tribal Imposes Fee on Beer Sales, Not State Sales Tax*

**Akwesasne Territory.** In response to the newspaper article on Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> concerning Mohawk stores sales tax on beer, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council stated that the tribe imposes a fee for beer sales, but sales do not involve any state taxes. The wholesaler collects the Tribal fee on every case sold and in turn, sends it directly to the Tribe. This generates a considerable amount of money for the Tribe. The Tribal fee is used for the well-being of Tribal members and funds such programs such as health, education, housing and law enforcement.

The newspaper article that stated "...the tribal members have been paying the states taxes on beer for years..." is inaccurate. Accounts outside of the Territory receive state sales taxes.

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The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council is the duly elected and federally recognized government of the St. Regis Mohawk People.

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