

March 9, 2010

Dear Village Residents,

In the year 2000, Onondaga County adopted a resolution providing for the distribution of a portion of the County's three percent sales tax to each of the city, towns, villages and school districts in Onondaga County. This resolution expires on December 31, 2010. There is a possibility that no revenues will be specifically set aside for distribution to each affected municipal entity after December 31, 2010.

As Mayor of the Village of Liverpool, I cannot stress enough the importance of the fact that there could be no sales tax revenue available for distribution to our Village after December 31, 2010. Our sales tax revenue distribution in the past has been approximately \$570,000. This is currently 26.5 % of our annual revenue source. If the Onondaga County Legislature chooses to eliminate sales tax revenue sharing with the Village of Liverpool starting fiscal year June 2011-2012, the Village of Liverpool would have to raise the Village tax rate by up to 50% in order to maintain current service levels.

At the February 2, 2010 Session of the Onondaga County Legislature a resolution was adopted establishing the Sales Tax Review Committee and calls for six committee meetings with a final report being issued to the Legislature no later than May 1, 2010.

Village officials will have an opportunity to give a presentation to the Sales Tax Review Committee on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 9:00am in the Legislature Chambers, 401 Montgomery Street, Court House, Room 407, Syracuse, NY 13202.

We are asking for your support. Please contact the village office at **315-457-3441 ext 301** if you are able to attend the public hearing on March 15, 2010. If you are unable to attend and would like to show your support, please send a letter of support to the Chairman of the Sales Tax Committee and the County Legislator who represents our district at the following address and send a copy to me at 310 Sycamore St. Liverpool, NY 13088 or via email to mayor@villageofliverpool.org

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As more information is available from the Onondaga County Sales Tax Committee, the Village of Liverpool will schedule a public hearing for community input.

Sincerely,

Gary White, Mayor
Village of Liverpool