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STATE OF TENNESSEE MILEAGE RATE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

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The state of Tennessee has announced a change in the standard reimbursement mileage rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. The standard state rate should be used to reimburse employees for their use of personal vehicles in the course of business activities for the state of Tennessee and for local governments with travel policies that mirror the state’s travel policies.

The standard reimbursement mileage rate is scheduled to change to 51 cents per mile for all business miles driven after June 30, 2009. This is a reduction in the current standard mileage rate of 54 cents per mile, which has been in effect since October 1, 2008. You can read the Tennessee state travel policies at the Department of Finance and Administration website or click here for an electronic copy.

Municipalities that reimburse employees for business use of their personal vehicles based on the state of Tennessee standard reimbursement mileage rate should revise their travel policies to reflect this change.

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