



**ORANGE
COUNTY
FLORIDA**

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**TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA – Orange County Comptroller Phil Diamond announced today that tourist tax collections (resort tax) received by Orange County for the August 2017 hotel collection month were \$17,340,500. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Diamond indicated that August 2017 collections were 4.7% higher than August 2016. “July was a little slower than usual but August was better. People may be getting in their last chance at a family vacation before sending the kids back to school,” stated Diamond.

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
FISCAL YEAR 2017 (10/1/16-9/30/17)

Monthly Collections

	<u>FY 2017 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
			<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of August 2017	\$17,850,000	\$17,340,500	(\$509,500)	-2.9% down

	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
			<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$16,554,900	\$17,340,500	\$785,600	4.7% up

Cumulative Collections

	<u>FY 2017 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
			<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Thru Hotel Collection Month of August 2017	\$232,325,000	\$235,258,300	\$2,933,300	1.3% up

	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
			<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$221,923,100	\$235,258,300	\$13,335,200	6.0% up

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- (1) On January 24, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2017 revenue budget by \$4,700,000 or 2% and on September 19, 2017, an additional FY 2017 revenue budget increase of \$10,000,000 or 4.2% was approved.