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**ORANGE  
COUNTY  
FLORIDA**

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

ORLANDO, FLORIDA -- County Comptroller Phil Diamond announced today that tourist tax collections (resort tax) received by the County for the hotel collection month of December 2016 were \$20,086,700. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Diamond indicated that December 2016 collections were 3.5% lower than December 2015. "I had hoped that we would see tourist tax revenue increases like we saw last month. Unfortunately, just like Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow today, there was a shadow over December 2016 tax collections. This is a reminder that tourist tax collections will fluctuate from month to month," stated Diamond.

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**ALL SIX CENTS**  
 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 December 2016	\$19,872,000	\$20,086,700	\$214,700	1.1% up
			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$20,818,900	\$20,086,700	(\$732,200)	-3.5% down

**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 December 2016	\$57,216,000	\$60,978,500	\$3,762,500	6.6% up
			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$58,951,000	\$60,978,500	\$2,027,500	3.4% 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%.