



**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 February 2017 were \$21,825,000. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Diamond indicated that February 2017 collections were 4.3% higher than February 2016. "It is good to see that tourist development tax collections increased by almost \$900,000 over February 2016. That is two straight months of increases. Let's hope that will continue over the months to come," stated Diamond.

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS

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

Monthly Collections

			Budget to Actual	
	<u>FY 2017 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of February 2017	\$21,312,000	\$21,825,000	\$513,000	2.4% up

			Actual to Actual	
	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$20,925,500	\$21,825,000	\$899,500	4.3% up

Cumulative Collections

			Budget to Actual	
	<u>FY 2017 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Thru Hotel Collection Month of February 2017	\$98,448,000	\$103,507,000	\$5,059,000	5.1% up

			Actual to Actual	
	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$99,499,800	\$103,507,000	\$4,007,200	4.0% 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%.