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**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 February 2018 TDT collection month were \$23,813,900. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Diamond indicated that February 2018 collections were 8.9% higher than February 2017. “February was a busy month for Orange County tourism with Epcot’s Festival of the Arts and the start of Universal Studio’s Mardi Gras. The TDT collection numbers proved how busy it was. I hope to see the numbers continue to go up,” stated Diamond.

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS  
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FISCAL YEAR 2018 (10/1/17-9/30/18)

**Monthly Collections**

	Budget to Actual			
	FY 2018 Budget(1)	FY 2018 Actual	Difference	Percentage Difference
Hotel Collection Month of February 2018	\$22,828,000	\$23,813,900	\$985,900	4.3% up

Actual to Actual			
FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	Difference	Percentage Difference
\$21,866,900	\$23,813,900	\$1,947,000	8.9% up

**Cumulative Collections**

	Budget to Actual			
	FY 2018 Budget(1)	FY 2018 Actual	Difference	Percentage Difference
Thru Hotel Collection Month of February 2018	\$106,756,000	\$114,756,700	\$8,000,700	7.5% up

Actual to Actual			
FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	Difference	Percentage Difference
\$103,618,300	\$114,756,700	\$11,138,400	10.7% up

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(1) On January 23, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2018 revenue budget by \$5,000,000 or 2%.