



**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 March 2017 were \$27,484,600. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Diamond indicated that March 2017 collections were 2.7% higher than March 2016. "Seasonal variations, such as the timing of spring breaks and Easter vacations can cause month to month comparisons to be slightly misleading. Last year, Easter fell in March. This year it fell in April. Even with this, collections for March were up over last year. I am looking forward to seeing April's numbers," 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>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2017 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of March 2017	\$26,280,000	\$27,484,600	\$1,204,600	4.6% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$26,766,200	\$27,484,600	\$718,400	2.7% up

Cumulative Collections

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2017 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Thru Hotel Collection Month of March 2017	\$124,728,000	\$131,028,400	\$6,300,400	5.1% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$126,266,000	\$131,028,400	\$4,762,400	3.8% 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%.