



**ORANGE
COUNTY
FLORIDA**

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

ORLANDO, FLORIDA -- County Comptroller Martha Haynie announced today that tourist tax collections (resort tax) received by the County for the hotel collection month of March 2015 were \$24,617,600. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Haynie indicated that March 2015 collections were nearly 14% higher than March 2014. "I'm excited to announce that this \$24.6 Million revenue represents the largest single monthly collection of TDT revenues ever received by Orange County. While the timing of the Easter and spring break holidays can skew March numbers, the fact is we are enjoying a tremendous benefit for our tourism industry and the whole community. We owe our thanks to our richly creative hospitality industry, and in no small part to the significant capital investments they continue to make in Central Florida," stated Haynie.

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ALL SIX CENTS
 FISCAL YEAR 2015 (10/1/14-9/30/15)

Monthly Collections

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2015 Budget (1)</u>	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of March 2015	\$22,679,300	\$24,617,600	\$1,938,300	8.5% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2014 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$21,689,400	\$24,617,600	\$2,928,200	13.5% up

Cumulative Collections

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2015 Budget (1)</u>	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Thru Hotel Collection Month of March 2015	\$106,350,200	\$116,555,800	\$10,205,600	9.6% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2014 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$103,438,100	\$116,555,800	\$13,117,700	12.7% up

(1) On January 27, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2015 revenue budget by \$10,913,000 or 5.6%.

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