



**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 September 2019 TDT collection month were \$17,770,100. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Diamond indicated that September 2019 collections were 7.6% lower than September 2018. “Thankfully, Orange County didn’t take a direct hit from Hurricane Dorian. However, TDT took a direct hit from the hurricane when visitors cancelled trips. September’s TDT was down 7.6% over September 2018. We collected \$283,998,382 for the 2018/19 fiscal year – a 2.6% increase over the last fiscal year. We all look forward to the end of hurricane season on November 30th,” stated Diamond.

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
FISCAL YEAR 2019 (10/1/18-9/30/19)

Monthly Collections

	<u>Budget to Actual</u>			
	<u>FY 2019 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2019 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of September 2019	\$20,548,500	\$17,770,100	(\$2,778,400)	-13.5% down

<u>Actual to Actual</u>				
	<u>FY 2018 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2019 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$19,228,100	\$17,770,100	(\$1,458,000)	-7.6% down

Cumulative Collections

	<u>Budget to Actual</u>			
	<u>FY 2019 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2019 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Thru Hotel Collection Month of September 2019	\$285,000,000	\$283,998,400	(\$1,001,600)	-0.4% down

<u>Actual to Actual</u>				
	<u>FY 2018 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2019 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$276,847,400	\$283,998,400	\$7,151,000	2.6% up

- (1) On January 29, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2019 revenue budget by \$5,000,000 or 1.9% and on September 10, 2019, the revenue budget was increased by \$15,000,000 or 5.6%.

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ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESORT TAX COLLECTIONS
ALL SIX CENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2019
(10/1/18-9/30/19)

<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October, 2018	\$ 23,696,700
November, 2018	23,497,800
December, 2018	23,565,400
January, 2019	23,397,300
February, 2019	25,321,200
March, 2019	31,307,000
April, 2019	25,894,600
May, 2019	22,611,000
June, 2019	24,305,900
July, 2019	22,577,700
August, 2019	19,980,300
September, 2019	17,770,100
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	<u>73,400</u>
Total	<u>\$283,998,400</u>

(1) Represents amounts received from audits conducted by the County Audit Division for periods prior to Fiscal Year 2019 and other accounting timing adjustments.

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