

JD PEACOCK II

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER, OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

October 4, 2021

Re: Tourist Development Tax Registration Application

Dear Tourist Tax Collector:

On September 21, 2021, the Board of County Commissions approved Ordinance 21-22 transitioning the responsibilities of the collection, enforcement, and auditing of the Okaloosa County Tourist Tax from the Florida Department of Revenue to the Clerk of Court's Office. Beginning February 1, 2022, you will be required to file Tourist (Bed) Tax returns and remit payments to the Okaloosa County Clerk of Court's Office for rentals in January 2022.

Current District:

Effective February 1, 2022, you will be required to file returns and remit payments for Tourist Tax to the COC for January 2022 rentals. Until then please continue submitting your payments to DOR through January 2022. This rate will remain **five percent**.

Expanded District:

On October 5, 2021, the voters in Okaloosa County voted to expand the tourist development tax district to the entire county. The tourist development tax will continue to be levied and imposed within the previously created sub-county special district ("Subdistrict") at the rate of five percent, and within the remaining areas of Okaloosa County ("Expansion Area") at the rate of **four percent**, of the total rental charged to every person who rents, leases or lets for consideration any living quarters or accommodations in any hotel, apartment hotel, motel, resort motel, apartment, apartment motel, rooming house, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park, condominium, condominium hotel, timeshare resort, residential dwelling or campground for a term of six months or less.

Effective March 1, 2022, Taxes for the Expansion Area will start to be collected on rentals and will be remitted to our office starting April 1, 2022.

Short-term rental license applications must be completed through an online web portal set up by Host Compliance, an external short-term rental monitoring software company. The portal utilizes software to process and manage all applications and will be accessible to you to register your account beginning December 2021. Users will be able to access the web portal through our website by visiting www.OkaloosaClerk.com.

We appreciate your cooperation during this transition period and look forward to working with you. You can find more information about the Tourist Development Tax at www.OkaloosaClerk.com. If you need assistance, please contact Joshua Allen, Business Systems Director, at 850-651-7200 x3491.

With warm regards,



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Okaloosa County Clerk of Court

