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**DESOTO COUNTY ADDS 2 PERCENT TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011**

Effective January 1, 2011, certain sales tax dealers in DeSoto County must begin collecting a 2 percent tourist development tax for transient rental transactions occurring within the county. The levy of this tourist development tax is the result of voter approval of DeSoto County Ordinance No. 2010-15. The combined tax rate for DeSoto County transient rentals will be 9 percent. This consists of:

6%	State sales tax
1%	Discretionary sales surtax
2%	Tourist development tax

The tourist development tax must be collected by every person in DeSoto County who rents, leases, or lets for consideration any living quarters or accommodations in any hotel, motel, apartment house, multiple unit structure (e.g., duplex, triplex, condominium), rooming house, tourist or mobile home court (trailer court, R.V. camp, etc.), single family dwelling, garage apartment, beach house or cottage, cooperatively-owned apartment, condominium parcel, or mobile home for a term of six months or less. These taxable transactions are defined as “transient rentals.” Transient rentals that are specifically exempt from sales tax are also exempt from the tourist development tax.

The tourist development tax will be administered by the Department of Revenue. All monies collected for this tax should be remitted and reported to the Department, along with the state sales tax and discretionary sales surtax monies, on your sales and use tax return for January 2011 [due February 1 and late after February 22 (February 20 is a Sunday and February 21 is a federal holiday)], and all subsequent returns. The state sales tax, discretionary sales surtax and tourist development tax collected for transient rentals should be reported on Line D of Form DR-15.

Your 2011 Sales Tax Returns will have the new transient rental rate for DeSoto County. A 9% tax rate table (Form DR-2N) is enclosed for your use.

References: DeSoto County Ordinance No. 2010-15; Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes

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