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Report Highlands County Tourist Development Tax to the Florida Department of Revenue Beginning May 1, 2018

Beginning May 1, 2018, the 2% Highlands County tourist development tax collected on or after April 1, 2018, must be reported and paid to the Florida Department of Revenue. The Highlands Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance authorizing the Department to collect and administer the 2% tourist development tax.

The Department will mail replacement coupon books to Highlands County dealers who will be reporting the tourist development tax. (Dealers who file electronically will not receive a coupon book.) The returns in the new coupon books will indicate a combined transient rental tax rate and sales and use tax of 9.5%, as illustrated in the example below:

Certificate Number:		SALES AND USE TAX RETURN			HD/PM Date:	DR-15 R. 01/15	
Florida		1. Gross Sales	2. Exempt Sales	3. Taxable Amount	4. Tax Due		
A. Sales/Services		.	.	.	.	.	.
B. Taxable Purchases		.	.	.	.	.	.
C. Commercial Rentals		.	.	.	.	.	.
D. Transient Rentals		.	.	.	.	.	.
E. Food & Beverage Vending		.	.	.	.	.	.
Transient Rental Rate: .0800		Surtax Rate: .0150		Reporting Period APR 2018	5. Total Amount of Tax Due	.	.
Name Address City/ST ZIP					6. Less Lawful Deductions	.	.
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE					7. Net Tax Due	.	.
5050 W TENNESSEE ST					8. Less Est Tax Pd / DOR Cr Memo	.	.
TALLAHASSEE FL 32399-0120					9. Plus Est Tax Due Current Month	.	.
Due:					10. Amount Due	.	.
Late After:					11. Less Collection Allowance	E-file/E-pay Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if payment was made electronically.					12. Plus Penalty	.	.
					13. Plus Interest	.	.
					14. Amount Due with Return	.	.

Report the Highlands County tourist development tax along with sales tax on Line D of the Florida *Sales and Use Tax Return* (Form DR-15). **The combined tax for transient rentals in Highlands County is 9.5%.** The combined rate is composed of 6% sales tax plus the 1% local government infrastructure surtax, 0.5% school capital outlay surtax, and 2% Highlands County tourist development tax.

References: Section 125.0104(10), Florida Statutes

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