



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Sales and Use Tax Bureau

Notice 72-15-07

August 27, 2015

NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE JACKSON COUNTY HOTEL and MOTEL TAX

House Bill 1672, as passed by the 2015 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, authorizes a special tax to be levied on the gross proceeds from room rentals for each hotel and motel on businesses located in Jackson County, Mississippi. The Jackson County Board of Supervisors through resolution, dated May 4, 2015, declared their intent to conduct an election on June 23, 2015. The election passed by 71% of the qualified electors of Jackson County. The effective date of the imposition shall be October 1, 2015. This special tax is in addition to all other taxes now imposed and may be cited as the Jackson County Hotel and Motel Tax. The receipts from this levy will be used to provide funds for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau for the promotion of tourism.

This Special Tax is levied at the rate of two percent (2%) on the gross proceeds from room rentals of hotels and motels.

For purposes of this levy, the term “hotel” or “motel” means any establishment engaged in the business of furnishing or providing rooms intended or designed for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes to transient guests and which are known to the trade as such. The term “hotel” or “motel” does not include any hospital, convalescent or nursing home or sanitarium, or any hotel-like facility operated by or in connection with a hospital or medical clinic providing rooms exclusively for patients and their families.

IMPORTANT: You should begin collecting the two percent (2%) additional tax on overnight room rental beginning October 1, 2015.

- Rate Code 96. Moss Point and Pascagoula permit locations should report the additional 2% tax using rate code 96. This replaces rate code 94 for the existing 3% levied on overnight room rental. A total of 5% Special Tax should be charged.
- Rate Code 95. Ocean Springs permit locations should report the additional 2% tax using rate code 95. This replaces rate code 99 for the existing 2% levied on overnight room rental. A total of 4% Special Tax should be charged.
- Rate Code 92. Jackson County permit locations outside of these municipalities should report the additional 2% tax using rate code 92.

Either rate can be reported using Taxpayer Access Point (TAP) or on paper form 72-010 Sales and Special Tax Return, if applicable, by November 20, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sales Tax Department at 601-923-7015.

Sincerely,

Tax Administrator