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NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS SUBJECT TO THE OCEAN SPRINGS TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX

House Bill 1836, as passed in the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature, authorizes a special tax to be levied on the gross income of certain businesses located in the City of Ocean Springs. The Mayor and Board Aldermen adopted, by resolution, their intent to levy said tax. The effective date of imposition shall be December 1, 1998. This special tax is in addition to all other taxes now imposed, and may be cited as the Ocean Springs Tourism and Economic Development Tax.

This special tax is levied at the rate of two percent (2%) of the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts within the City of Ocean Springs, and does not include charges for food, telephone, laundry, beverages, and similar charges. Additionally, this tax shall not be levied upon gross proceeds derived from room rentals for day meetings where the room does not serve as overnight sleeping accommodations. For the purposes of this levy, the terms "Hotel", "Motel" and "Bed and Breakfast" 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 in the trade as such.

In order to collect and remit these special taxes you should complete the enclosed Registration Application (Form 70-001) and forward said application to the Mississippi State Tax Commission, P. O. Box 7099, Gulfport, MS 39506-7099. Form 72-205 (Special Tax Return) should be used to report and remit these special taxes. These forms will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your completed Registration Application. **DO NOT INCLUDE THESE SPECIAL TAXES ON YOUR STATE SALES TAX RETURN. This special levy is effective December 1, 1998.**

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