STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Office of Revenue Analysis

State of Rhode Island Monthly Local Hotel Tax Report FY 2016 Local 1.0 Percent Collections February 2016

In June 2010, the Rhode Island Department of Revenue began issuing a monthly report on the collection and distribution of the local 1.0 percent hotel tax. The report is meant to be descriptive and does not purport to project or assess the collection of the local 1.0 percent hotel tax. The report provides data by municipality on the month-to-month, year-over-year, and fiscal year-to-date over fiscal year-to-date collections. A discussion of the municipalities with the largest and smallest percentage and nominal changes in these three measures will be included in the body of the report.

Analysis of Month-to-Month Collections

On a statewide basis, February 2016 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections totaled \$154,858 or 12.2 percent more than the \$137,967 collected in January 2016. The five communities with the largest percentage increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections on a month-to-month basis were:

Municipality	Percentage Increase	Municipality	Percentage Decrease
New Shoreham	570.0 %	Glocester	-58.4 %
Portsmouth	93.3 %	North Smithfield	-44.1 %
Charlestown	71.7 %	Jamestown	-40.7 %
Bristol	62.4 %	Pawtucket	-32.2 %
Narragansett	52.3 %	Johnston	-3.0 %

The five communities with the largest nominal increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections between February 2016 and January 2016 were:

Municipality	Nominal Increase	Municipality	Nominal Decrease
Providence	\$5,845	Pawtucket	\$(626)
Newport	\$3,442	Jamestown	\$(54)
Middletown	\$2,116	North Smithfield	\$(54)
Warwick	\$1,800	Glocester	\$(52)
New Shoreham	\$ 803	West Greenwich	\$(51)

Analysis of Year-over-Year Collections by Month

On a statewide basis, February 2016 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections totaled \$154,858 or 11.3 percent less than the \$139,179 collected in February 2015. The five communities with the largest percentage increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections for February 2016 versus February 2015 were:

Municipality	Percentage Increase	Municipality	Percentage Decrease
Narragansett	122.0 %	Bristol	-69.1 %
East Greenwich	53.6 %	Glocester	-49.1 %
New Shoreham	44.9 %	Jamestown	-39.3 %
Cranston	41.0 %	North Smithfield	-31.8 %
Newport	35.7 %	East Providence	-21.9 %

The five communities with the largest nominal increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections for February 2016 versus February 2015 were:

Municipality	Nominal Increase	Municipality	Nominal Decrease
Providence	\$7,800	Warwick	\$(2,941)
Newport	\$6,953	Bristol	\$(398)
Middletown	\$2,477	Coventry	\$(314)
South Kingstown	\$ 787	East Providence	\$(262)
Smithfield	\$ 464	Lincoln	\$(191)

Analysis of Fiscal Year-to-Date over Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

On a statewide basis, fiscal year-to-date February 2016 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections totaled \$2.57 million or 11.0 percent more than the \$2.31 million collected in fiscal year-to-date February 2015. The five communities with the largest percentage increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections for fiscal year-to-date February 2016 versus fiscal year-to-date February 2015 were:

Municipality	Percentage Increase	Municipality	Percentage Decrease
Cranston	72.7 %	Foster	-51.2 %
East Greenwich	54.5 %	Little Compton	-27.7 %
Portsmouth	30.3 %	Jamestown	-5.3 %
Narragansett	28.7 %	North Kingstown	-3.7 %
West Warwick	22.3 %	East Providence	-2.9 %

The five communities with the largest nominal increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections for fiscal year-to-date February 2016 versus fiscal year-to-date February 2015 were:

Municipality	Nominal Increase	Municipality	Nominal Decrease
Newport	\$66,535	North Kingstown	\$(924)
Providence	\$52,418	East Providence	\$(390)
Warwick	\$30,524	Jamestown	\$(191)
Middletown	\$23,503	Little Compton	\$(43)
Westerly	\$22,019	Foster	\$(37)

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Expansion of the Local Hotel Tax Base to Vacation Rentals and Hosting Platforms

The February 2016 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections report may include tax receipts generated from the expansion of the local hotel tax base. Effective July 1, 2015, the reselling of lodging by online travel companies, the unlicensed rental of accommodations via internet platforms and other media, and vacation home rentals became subject to the local 1.0 percent hotel tax. At this time, the Office of Revenue Analysis is unable to identify the amount collected from each of these local hotel tax base expansion components. Thus, an unknown amount of local 1.0 percent hotel tax receipts may be captured in this report. Efforts will be made to identify local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections attributable to the expansion of the local 1.0 percent hotel tax base in future reports.

Correction in Hotel Tax Collection Data for City of Newport

The Office of Revenue Analysis (ORA) became aware of an error that staff had made in interpreting local 1.0 percent hotel tax data provided by the City of Newport on hotel taxes paid by hotels located in Newport. Specifically, ORA staff had used data reported by the City for a specific month as reflecting that month's hotel room rental activity when in fact that data reflected the prior month's hotel room rental activity. For example, hotel tax collection data that was recorded by the City of Newport in November 2015 was reported by ORA staff as being for November 2015 hotel room rental activity when in fact it was for October 2015 hotel room rental activity. Beginning with the December 2015 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collection report, this error has been corrected by ORA.

RHODE ISLAND 1.0% LOCAL HOTEL TAX REPORT Month-to-Month Collections

	Month-to-Month			
			Percent	
MUNICIPALITY	February 2016	January 2016	Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	-
BRISTOL	178	109	62.4%	68
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	n/a	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	-	n/a	-
CHARLESTOWN	149	87	71.7%	62
COVENTRY	1,957	1,783	9.8%	174
CRANSTON	395	303	30.2%	92
CUMBERLAND	-	-	n/a	-
EAST GREENWICH	21	18	11.3%	2
EAST PROVIDENCE	930	928	0.2%	2
EXETER	-	-	n/a	-
FOSTER	-	-	n/a	-
GLOCESTER	37	89	-58.4%	(52)
HOPKINTON	-	-	n/a	-
JAMESTOWN	78	131	-40.7%	(54)
JOHNSTON	211	218	-3.0%	(7)
LINCOLN	3,277	2,675	22.5%	602
LITTLE COMPTON	8	6	38.5%	2
MIDDLETOWN	9,544	7,428	28.5%	2,116
NARRAGANSETT	718	472	52.3%	247
NEWPORT	26,434	22,991	15.0%	3,442
NEW SHOREHAM	944	141	570.0%	803
NORTH KINGSTOWN	2,175	2,084	4.4%	91
NORTH PROVIDENCE	_	-	n/a	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	68	122	-44.1%	(54)
PAWTUCKET	1,320	1,946	-32.2%	(626)
PORTSMOUTH	81	42	93.3%	39
PROVIDENCE	58,976	53,131	11.0%	5,845
RICHMOND	99	68	45.6%	31
SCITUATE	162	156	4.0%	6
SMITHFIELD	4,605	4,088	12.6%	517
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	3,236	2,784	16.2%	452
TIVERTON	-	-	n/a	-
WARREN	_	_	n/a	_
WARWICK	28,543	26,743	6.7%	1,800
WESTERLY	3,255	2,704	20.4%	551
WEST GREENWICH	2,539	2,589	-2.0%	(51)
WEST WARWICK	3,226	2,702	19.4%	525
WOONSOCKET	1,692	1,429	18.4%	263
Total	\$ 154,858	\$ 137,967	12.2%	

RHOSE ISLAND 1.0% LOCAL HOTEL TAX REPORT Year-over-Year Collections

	Year-over-Year			
			Percent	
MUNICIPALITY	February 2016	February 2015	Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	-
BRISTOL	178	576	-69.1%	(398)
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	n/a	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	-	n/a	-
CHARLESTOWN	149	161	-7.9%	(13)
COVENTRY	1,957	2,271	-13.8%	(314)
CRANSTON	395	280	41.0%	115
CUMBERLAND	-	-	n/a	-
EAST GREENWICH	21	13	53.6%	7
EAST PROVIDENCE	930	1,192	-21.9%	(262)
EXETER	-	-	n/a	-
FOSTER	-	-	n/a	-
GLOCESTER	37	73	-49.1%	(36)
HOPKINTON	-	-	n/a	-
JAMESTOWN	78	128	-39.3%	(50)
JOHNSTON	211	229	-7.8%	(18)
LINCOLN	3,277	3,468	-5.5%	(191)
LITTLE COMPTON	8	-	n/a	8
MIDDLETOWN	9,544	7,067	35.0%	2,477
NARRAGANSETT	718	324	122.0%	395
NEWPORT	26,434	19,480	35.7%	6,953
NEW SHOREHAM	944	652	44.9%	292
NORTH KINGSTOWN	2,175	2,105	3.3%	70
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	- -	n/a	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	68	100	-31.8%	(32)
PAWTUCKET	1,320	1,412	-6.5%	(92)
PORTSMOUTH	81	60	35.4%	21
PROVIDENCE	58,976	51,177	15.2%	7,800
RICHMOND	99	83	20.3%	17
SCITUATE	162	141	14.9%	21
SMITHFIELD	4,605	4,142	11.2%	464
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	3,236	2,449	32.2%	787
TIVERTON	_	-	n/a	-
WARREN	_	_	n/a	_
WARWICK	28,543	31,483	-9.3%	(2,941)
WESTERLY	3,255	3,166	2.8%	89
WEST GREENWICH	2,539	2,677	-5.2%	(138)
WEST GREEK WICH	3,226	2,847	13.3%	380
WOONSOCKET	1,692	1,425	18.8%	267
Total	\$ 154,858	\$ 139,179	11.3%	

RHODE ISLAND 1.0% LOCAL HOTEL TAX REPORT Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

	Fiscal Year-to-Date			
			Percent	
MUNICIPALITY	February 2016	February 2015	Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	-	\$ -	n/a	-
BRISTOL	11,577	11,311	2.4%	266
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	n/a	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	-	n/a	-
CHARLESTOWN	6,985	6,372	9.6%	613
COVENTRY	29,154	25,836	12.8%	3,319
CRANSTON	4,379	2,535	72.7%	1,844
CUMBERLAND	-	-	n/a	-
EAST GREENWICH	178	116	54.5%	63
EAST PROVIDENCE	13,288	13,678	-2.9%	(390)
EXETER	-	-	n/a	-
FOSTER	36	73	-51.2%	(37)
GLOCESTER	619	574	7.8%	45
HOPKINTON	-	-	n/a	-
JAMESTOWN	3,377	3,568	-5.3%	(191)
JOHNSTON	2,665	2,606	2.2%	59
LINCOLN	30,490	29,522	3.3%	968
LITTLE COMPTON	112	155	-27.7%	(43)
MIDDLETOWN	248,826	225,323	10.4%	23,503
NARRAGANSETT	35,808	27,830	28.7%	7,978
NEWPORT	695,681	629,146	10.6%	66,535
NEW SHOREHAM	107,716	95,012	13.4%	12,704
NORTH KINGSTOWN	23,803	24,727	-3.7%	(924)
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	-	n/a	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	874	775	12.7%	98
PAWTUCKET	17,701	14,503	22.1%	3,198
PORTSMOUTH	5,322	4,083	30.3%	1,238
PROVIDENCE	617,922	565,504	9.3%	52,418
RICHMOND	1,271	1,159	9.7%	113
SCITUATE	1,921	1,778	8.0%	142
SMITHFIELD	47,219	41,399	14.1%	5,819
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	48,774	42,410	15.0%	6,365
TIVERTON	_	-	n/a	-
WARREN	-	-	n/a	-
WARWICK	336,134	305,610	10.0%	30,524
WESTERLY	188,853	166,834	13.2%	22,019
WEST GREENWICH	30,769	25,254	21.8%	5,515
WEST WARWICK	38,603	31,577	22.3%	7,026
WOONSOCKET	17,573	14,871	18.2%	2,702
Total	\$ 2,567,628	\$ 2,314,140	11.0%	