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RE: CITY OF PALM DESERT'S TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX 3.28.0

Dear Home Owners Association:

It has come to our attention that there are property owners throughout the City of Palm Desert that are conducting business as vacation rental properties that are subject to Transient Occupancy Tax. We have found numerous owners that offer "short-term rentals" through the use of internet websites and are not adhering to our ordinance. The City of Palm Desert is hereby asking for your assistance in identifying rental properties within your homeowners association.

Per our Ordinance 3.28.030:

"For the privilege of occupancy in any location, each transient is subject to and shall pay tax in the amount of nine (9) percent of the rent charged by the operator or otherwise payable by the transient to the City, which is extinguished only by payment to the operator or to the City"

We are asking all Home Owners Associations in the area to please distribute the attached information to all property owners that have been and will be renting out their property as vacation rentals. We believe this will alleviate any misunderstanding in the future.

We are also asking for a listing of properties with name, address and phone numbers for our internal records. If your HOA does not allow short-term rentals, please notify us as soon as possible so we can disseminate the property owner information to you.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact my associate Horacio Celaya at (760) 346-0611, ext. 329.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Gibson
Director of Finance