Florida Statute, Section 212.03

Transient rentals tax; rate, procedure, enforcement, exemptions.

(I)(a) It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who engages in the business of renting, leasing, letting, or granting a license to use any living quarters or sleeping or housekeeping accommodations in, from, or a part of, or in connection with any hotel, apartment house, roominghouse, tourist or trailer camp, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park, condominium, or timeshare resort. For the exercise of such taxable privilege, a tax is hereby levied in an amount equal to 6 percent of and on the total rental charged for such living quarters or sleeping or housekeeping accommodations by the person charging or collecting the rental. Such tax shall apply to hotels, apartment houses, roominghouses, tourist or trailer camps, mobile home parks, recreational vehicle parks, condominiums, or timeshare resorts, whether or not these facilities have dining rooms, cafes, or other places where meals or lunches are sold or served to guests.

(2) The tax provided for herein shall be in addition to the total amount of the rental shall be charged by the lessor or person receiving the rent in and by said rental arrangement to the lessee or person paying the rental, and shall be due and payable at the time of the receipt of such rental payment by the lessor or person, as defined in this chapter, who receives said rental or payment. The owner, lessor, or person receiving the rent shall remit the tax to the department at the times and in the manner hereinafter provided for dealers to remit taxes under this chapter. The same duties imposed by this chapter upon dealers in tangible personal property respecting the collection and remission of the tax; the making of returns; the keeping of books, records, and accounts; and the compliance with the rules and regulations of the department in the administration of this chapter shall

apply to and be binding upon all persons who manage or operate hotels, apartment houses, roominghouses, tourist and trailer camps, and the rental of condominium units, and to all persons who collect or receive such rents on behalf of such owner or lessor taxable under this chapter

(4)

The tax levied by this section shall not apply to, be imposed upon, or collected from any person who shall have entered into a bona fide written lease for longer than 6 months in duration for continuous residence at any one hotel, apartment house, rooming house, tourist or trailer camp, or condominium, or to any person who shall reside continuously longer than 6 months at any one hotel, apartment house, roominghouse, tourist or trailer camp, or condominium and shall have paid the tax levied by this section for 6 months of residence in any one hotel, roominghouse,a partment house, tourist or trailer camp,or condominium.

Additional Statues/Codes

Florida Statute, Section 213.025

Florida Admin. Code, Section 12A-1.061

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX





Florida Statute, Section 125.0104

Tourist development tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.

(3) TAXABLE PRIVILEGES; EXEMPTIONS; LEVY; RATE. a)1. It is declared to be the intent of the Legislature that every person who rents, leases, or lets for consideration any living quarters or accommodations in any hotel, apartment hotel, motel, resort motel, apartment, apartment motel, rooming house, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park, condominium, o timeshare resort for a term of 6 months or less is exercising a privilege which is subject to taxation unde this section, unless such person rents, leases, or lets for consideration any living quarters or accommodations which are exempt according to the provisions of chapter 212. Per Clay County Ordinance, a 5% Tourist
Development Tax (or TDT) is levied against
owners or operators of transient
accommodations in a hotel, motel,
apartment motel, rooming house,
condominium, mobile home, single family
dwelling beach house, cottages, or other
sleeping facility, if rentals are for six (6)
months or less. (FS 125.0104 and FAC 12A1.061).

The TDT is an add-on tax, like the state sales tax, and is collected from the tenant at the time rent or accommodation charge is collected. The tax is charged to the renter; the owner or agent is responsible for collecting the tax and remitting it to the Clay County Tax Collector.

Tax returns and payments are due on the first of the month following collection and are considered delinquent if not submitted by the 20th of that month. Failure to remit TDT payments in a proper or timely manner can result in costly penalties.

Registration and Payments

Clay County has contracted with Grant Street Group to provide online registration and payment of Tourist Development Taxes through **Tourist Express**.

https://clay.county-taxes.com/tourist

Features for Taxpayers Include:

Ability to manage one or more tourist tax accounts from a central location

File and print tourist tax returns

Submit payments

Store checking account information to be used for future payments without manual re-entry

Review and print receipts

For Additional Information:
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Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
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