

4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS TO BE RECEIVED FOR FILING:

- a. Correspondence from Florida Department of Revenue certifying Pinellas County as having sufficient taxable sales to qualify as a High Tourism Impact County.
- b. Correspondence from Florida Department of Economic Opportunity re registration of Gulf Consortium as an Independent Special District.
- c. Public Official Bond, Oath, and Power of Attorney for Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District Commissioner David D. Gardella.
- d. City of Oldsmar Notice of Public Hearing to be held May 20, 2014, re proposed Ordinance 2014-05 annexing certain property.
- e. City of Safety Harbor Ordinance No. 2014-06 adopted April 21, 2014, annexing certain property.
- f. City of Seminole Notice of Public Hearings re proposed Ordinances Nos. 02-2014, 04-2014, and 05-2014 to be held May 27, 2014, voluntarily annexing certain property.

If a copy of a report or CD is desired, please check the web page of the organization/municipality or contact Board Records at 464-3465.



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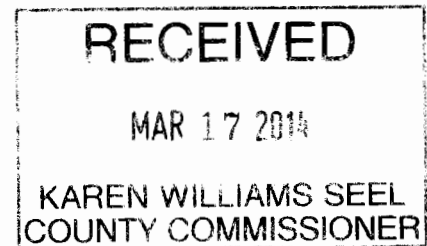
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March 10, 2014

The Honorable Karen Seel
Commission Chair
Pinellas County Commission
315 Court St.
Clearwater, Florida 33756



Dear Commissioner Seel:

I am in receipt of a request for certification of Pinellas County as a having sufficient taxable sales to qualify as a High Impact Tourist County pursuant to the requirements of section 125.0104 (3)(m), Florida Statutes (F.S.). This provision reads:

- (m)1. In addition to any other tax which is imposed pursuant to this section, a high tourism impact county may impose an additional 1-percent tax on the exercise of the privilege described in paragraph (a) by extraordinary vote of the governing board of the county. The tax revenues received pursuant to this paragraph shall be used for one or more of the authorized uses pursuant to subsection (5).
2. A county is considered to be a high tourism impact county after the Department of Revenue has certified to such county that the sales subject to the tax levied pursuant to this section exceeded \$600 million during the previous calendar year, or were at least 18 percent of the county's total taxable sales under chapter 212 where the sales subject to the tax levied pursuant to this section were a minimum of \$200 million, except that no county authorized to levy a convention development tax pursuant to s. 212.0305 shall be considered a high tourism impact county. Once a county qualifies as a high tourism impact county, it shall retain this designation for the period the tax is levied pursuant to this paragraph.
3. The provisions of paragraphs (4)(a)-(d) shall not apply to the adoption of the additional tax authorized in this paragraph. The effective date of the levy and imposition of the tax authorized under this paragraph shall be the first day of the second month following approval of the ordinance by the governing board or the first day of any subsequent month as may be specified in the ordinance. A certified copy of such ordinance shall be furnished by the county to the Department of Revenue within 10 days after approval of such ordinance.

The taxable rental receipts reported to the Department of Revenue by The Honorable Diane Nelson, Tax Collector of Pinellas County, are as follows:

Child Support Enforcement – Ann Coffin, Director • General Tax Administration – Maria Johnson, Director
Property Tax Oversight – James McAdams, Director • Information Services – Damu Kuttikrishnan, Director

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	Taxable Rental Receipts as reported by Pinellas County
December 2013	\$41,685,717.20
November 2013	\$37,666,288.48
October 2013	\$40,685,743.30
September 2013	\$35,474,241.42
August 2013	\$43,494,119.59
July 2013	\$56,412,786.90
June 2013	\$56,162,674.57
May 2013	\$50,685,452.17
April 2013	\$62,454,525.79
March 2013	\$100,511,921.76
February 2013	\$60,638,514.78
January 2013	\$43,888,784.69
Total - Calendar Year 2013	\$629,760,770.65

Based on these reported taxable rental receipts, Pinellas County meets the requirement of section 125.0104(3)(m)2., F.S., that the sales subject to the tax levied under 125.0104, F.S., during calendar year 2013 exceed \$600 million. By this letter, the Department of Revenue certifies that the sales subject to tax levied pursuant to section 125.0104, F.S. exceeded \$600 million in the previous calendar year.

Please note that section 125.0104(3)(m)2., F.S., further provides that no county authorized to levy a convention development tax pursuant to section 212.0305, F.S., shall be considered a High Tourism Impact County. In certifying the required level of taxable activity, the Department of Revenue makes no determination of whether Pinellas County is authorized to levy a convention development tax pursuant to section 212.0305, F.S.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob McKee
Chief Economist
Office of Tax Research
Florida Department of Revenue

cc: The Honorable Diane Nelson, Tax Collector
Robert S. LaSala, County Administrator

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