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**Fairfield County Auditor Releases Hotel & Motel Lodging Tax Amendment Fact Sheet**

**Lancaster, Ohio** – The Fairfield County Auditor’s Office is pleased to release a fact sheet explaining the changes to the Hotel & Motel Lodging Tax.

In December 2021, the County Commissioners amended the definition of a hotel to include lodging establishments with fewer than five rooms or if an establishment has rooms which are used for guests regardless of whether each room is accessible through its own key. This would include establishments using Airbnb and other types of short-term lodging reservation platforms.

The original tax, passed in July 1981 by the County Commissioners, established a 3% collection of lodging excise tax. This tax supports the Fairfield County Visitors and Convention Bureau. In September 1993, another resolution was passed to establish an additional 1.5% lodging excise tax for the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio. Each of these organizations supports tourism and travel to Fairfield County, focusing on what makes our county unique.

Auditor Carri Brown stated, “We received feedback that people were not aware of the purpose of the tax to support tourism, and the fact sheet helps to bring awareness to that purpose. With the amendment, establishments using modern short term reservation platforms are included. If citizens have any questions about how this will work, they can obtain information from the fact sheet or call the office.”

The fact sheet for the hotel and motel lodging tax amendment can be viewed at this link:

<https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/pdf/PRESS-Hotel-Motel-03.02.22.pdf>

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