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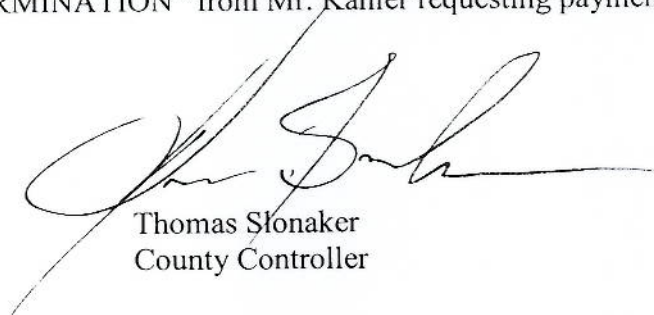
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To Messrs. Fine and Kahler:

We have recently completed an agreed-upon procedures engagement of hotel room rental tax remitted by Fine Lodging for the period October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. Our report number 09-53 is attached.

The result of our review is \$80.61 in hotel room rental tax was assessed.

The corresponding HOTEL TAX "DETERMINATION" from Mr. Kahler requesting payment of \$80.61 is also attached.



Thomas Slonaker  
County Controller

Attachments

HOTEL TAX/FINE LODGING

**COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX REMITTANCES**  
**FINE LODGING**

*Independent Controller's Office Report on  
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures  
For the Period October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008*

REPORT NO. 09-53

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX REMITTANCES  
FINE LODGING

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To Messrs. Fine and Kahler:

Pursuant to Act 12 of 2005, section 1770.8 to the County Code, Lehigh County Ordinance #2005-180 and the Lehigh County Hotel Room Rental Tax Rules and Regulations effective September 4, 2005, a four percent hotel room rental tax shall be collected and remitted to the Lehigh County fiscal officer. We have performed certain procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Lehigh County fiscal officer, solely to assist the county fiscal officer in determining the accuracy of hotel room rental tax remittances made by the Fine Lodging management for the period October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. The fiscal officer, as the delegate for the County Executive, is responsible for the collection of the hotel room rental tax.

Procedures performed included:

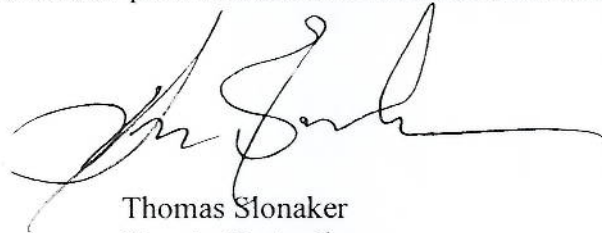
- Verification of reported revenue to Form PA-3 submitted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue.
- Compliance to the County of Lehigh Rules and Regulations for hotel room rental tax collection.
- Verification of reported revenue and hotel room rental tax collections to hotel operator accounting records.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and "Government Auditing Standards" as issued by the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) and "Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements" as issued by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures performed.

Reported taxable revenues of \$1,914.56 resulted in \$76.58 in hotel tax payable to the County of Lehigh during the period under review. We found several exceptions when performing the agreed-upon procedures, which are detailed in the accompanying "*Schedule of Agreed-Upon Procedures and Results*". Based on our review, additional tax and interest is due for an exemption adjustment of \$80.61.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on hotel room rental tax collections. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the county fiscal officer and management of the County of Lehigh and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Slonaker', written in a cursive style.

Thomas Slonaker  
County Controller

September 29, 2009  
Allentown, PA

Final Distribution  
Board of Commissioners  
Donald T. Cunningham, Jr., County Executive



COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
HOTEL TAX  
FINE LODGING

*Schedule of Agreed-upon Procedures and Results*

1. **PROCEDURE:** (2007 & 2008) Verification of reported revenue to Form PA-3 submitted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue.

**RESULT:** (2007) We were unable to perform this procedure as the hotel did not file PA-3's during the engagement period. As an alternative procedure, we reconciled reported revenues to hotel bank deposits. The alternative procedure revealed no exceptions.

**RESULT:** (2008) As during 2007 we were unable to perform this procedure as the hotel did not file PA-3's during the engagement period. As of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter for 2009 the hotel started to submit PA-3's. As an alternative procedure, we reconciled reported revenues to the hotels records on Quickbooks.

2. **PROCEDURE:** (2007 & 2008) Compliance to the County of Lehigh Rules and Regulations for hotel room rental tax collection.

**RESULT:** (2007) Hotel did not file returns for the months of January through May 2007, and October through December 2007. Section F, Paragraph 2, requires hotel operators to file monthly reports.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (2007) Hotel should file reports for the months noted above and continue to file monthly reports thereafter.

**UPDATE/RESULT:** (2008) The hotel did not file monthly return reports for January to May 2007. However, they have filed monthly return reports for October 2007 through December 2008 and continuously into 2009.

3. **PROCEDURE:** (2007 & 2008) Verification of reported revenue and hotel room rental tax collection to hotel operator accounting records.

**RESULT:** (2007) No exceptions found.

**RESULT:** (2008) No exceptions found.



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**RE: HOTEL TAX "DETERMINATION"**  
**Fine Lodging**

Dear Mr. Fine:

According to the recent agreed-upon procedures performed by the Lehigh County controller's office, hotel tax and interest is due for the period October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008.

In accordance with Section G of the Hotel Tax Rules and Regulations, you are hereby requested to remit the sum of \$80.61. The calculations of the "determination" (as stated in Section G) were included in the Lehigh County controller's office draft report. Failure to remit the payment within ten (10) days will result in additional penalties, attorney fees, and fines as stated in Section G.

Very truly yours,

Brian L. Kahler  
Fiscal Officer

xc: Thomas Slonaker, County Controller

HOTEL TAX/HOTEL TAX DETERMINATION LETTER

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