



Overview of Hotel Motel Tax Partial Settlement

As a result of the partial settlement of City of Rome, Hart County, et al v. Hotels.com, et al, a class action lawsuit, Georgia cities and counties that have enacted a hotel-motel tax will begin receiving hotel tax payments from online travel companies. On June 5, 2012, United States District Court Judge Harold L. Murphy preliminarily approved a partial settlement in the class action excise tax case brought by the City of Rome, Hart County, and other cities and counties against the online travel companies, such as Expedia, Travelocity, Priceline and Orbitz. The tax payments will be from May 16, 2011 and going forward. Please review this information as soon as possible with your county attorney. For more information on the settlement agreement, visit the ACCG website at www.accg.org.

If your city or county elects to remain a member of the Class and participate in the partial settlement agreement, to receive benefits it **must** provide the following information to Class Counsel **on or before 60 days of Final Approval of the Settlement:**

- A list, (updated and current) with the name and physical address, of each licensed hotel/motel operating within your jurisdiction that is subject to hotel taxes from May, 2011 to the present;
- The hotel/motel tax rate(s), and local sales tax rate(s), if any from May, 2011 to the present for your jurisdiction; and
- Any subsequent changes in the foregoing information must also be submitted to Class Counsel.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Andy Davis, class notice administrator/class counsel, or Walter Gordon, class counsel.

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