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March 10, 2020

Mayra Fernandez, General Manager Woodspring Suites 5518 Oakview Drive Allentown, PA 18106

Timothy Reeves, Fiscal Officer Lehigh County Government Center 17 South Seventh Street Allentown, PA 18101-2400

To Ms. Fernandez and Mr. Reeves:

We have recently completed an agreed-upon procedures engagement of hotel room rental tax remitted by Woodspring Suites for the period January 1 to December 31, 2018. Our report number is 20-03 attached.

The result of our review is \$5,250.80 in hotel room rental tax was assessed and collected.

Mark Pinsley

County Controller

Attachment

HOTEL TAX/WOODSPRING SUITES

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COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX REMITTANCES WOODSPRING SUITES

Independent Controller's Office Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures For the Period January 1 to December 31, 2018

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX REMITTANCES WOODSPRING SUITES

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To Ms. Fernandez and Mr. Reeves:

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 Woodspring Suites management for the period January 1 to December 31, 2018. 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 \$1,644,098 resulted in \$65,764 in hotel tax payable to the County of Lehigh during the period under review. Based on our review additional taxes are due for a revenue adjustment of \$5,250.80 (see Exhibit A).

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.

Mark Pinsley
County Controller

Audited by: Nanton John and Daniel Aquilino

Attachment

December 10, 2019

Allentown, PA

Final Distribution

Phillips Armstrong, County Executive Krista Beltran, Accounting Manager, Woodspring Suites Board of Commissioners Ed Hozza, Director of Administration George Samuelson, Accountant II Tyler Thomas, Property Accountant, Woodspring Suites