

**HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REVIEW  
MARRIOTT CITY CENTER  
FOR THE PERIOD  
APRIL 1, 1998 TO APRIL 30, 2001**

**AUGUST 22, 2001**

July 12, 2001

The Honorable John Weinstein  
Allegheny County Treasurer  
County of Allegheny  
106 County Courthouse  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

In accordance with 16 P.S. Sections 4970.2 and 3061 providing for a Hotel Room Rental Tax, Allegheny County's Hotel Room Rental Tax Ordinance and the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office Promulgations of Regulations, we have performed certain procedures we consider necessary to assist the Treasurer's Office in determining the accuracy of Hotel Room Rental Tax remittances made by the Marriott City Center for the period April 1, 1998 through April 30, 2001.

In performing our review, it came to our attention the Marriott City Center was not charging room rental tax on the total cost of a room package because it included breakfast. The Hotel Room Rental Tax Regulation 102 states "a lump sum is presumed to be rent, even though the lump sum may include charges for services and accommodations which if separately stated and itemized would not be considered part of the rent." The hotel also adjusted room revenue for actual breakfasts served and remitted less tax than was collected. The Hotel Room Rental Tax Regulation 109 states, "Any such tax collected by an operator which has not been paid to the County shall be deemed a debt owed by the operator to the County."

Hotel Location:

Marriott City Center  
112 Washington Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Municipality: Pittsburgh

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Period (Note 1)	4/1/98 through 4/30/01
Amount of Tax Due for the Period	\$2,338,059.28
Amount of Tax Remitted for the Period	<u>\$2,318,970.42</u>
Amount of Tax Due	\$ 19,088.86
Penalty and Interest (Note 2)	<u>\$ 4,751.75</u>
<b>Amount Due Treasurer</b>	<b><u>\$ 23,840.61</u></b>

This report is intended for your office and other appropriate Allegheny County officials that are involved. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Very truly yours,

Amy Griser  
Assistant Deputy, Auditing

DAN ONORATO  
Controller

cc: The Honorable James C. Roddey, Chief Executive  
President and Members of Allegheny County Council  
Mr. Robert Webb, County Manager  
Mr. Terrence F. McVerry, County Solicitor, Office of the County Solicitor  
Mr. John Alexander, Controller, Pittsburgh Marriott City Center

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NOTES TO THE REPORT

1. Prior Report

The prior report was completed by the Allegheny County Controller's Office for the period July 1, 1996 through March 31, 1998.

2. Penalty and Interest

The amount due is subject to a penalty of 5% and interest charges of 1% per month. The Treasurer's Office has calculated \$954.43 in penalty and \$3,797.32 of interest on the amount of tax due through July 31, 2001 for a total amount of \$4,751.75.