

OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



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July 22, 2016

Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Report on Expenditures of Funds pursuant to SC Budget Proviso No. 109.10, Withholding of Horry County Accommodations Tax Funds for Expenditure on Police Services for Events During the Month of May.

Dear Governor Haley:

Pursuant to the provisions of the 2015-2016 Appropriation Act, Section 109 R44-Department of Revenue, Proviso No. 109.10, (copy attached), Horry County requested that the Department withhold 5.56% (\$231,378) of the County's "estimated yearly return" for direct policing activities during events held in May within Horry County.

The attached report shows total costs related to the event in the first column and breaks them down into direct costs supported by the accommodations tax set-aside (middle column) and other costs supported by County sources (final column). In preparing the report, we have shown only those expenditures for direct policing activities as receiving support from the accommodations tax set-aside. The County also incurred expenditures from various supporting services including the Beach Cleanup, Sheriff, Detention Center, Magistrate's Courts, 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor and Public Defender Offices, Fleet Maintenance Services, and Administration Services (Administrator, Assistant Administrator, Public Information, Procurement, Finance, etc.) as well as administrative leadership and staff within each participating department. These additional indirect expenditures are not included in the summarized costs.

We are grateful for your support as our collective efforts result in a positive outcome for the safety and protection of our visitors, residents, and local businesses. We look forward to working with you again this coming May.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin P. Powell".

Justin P. Powell  
Assistant County Administrator for Administration

cc: Chris Eldridge, County Administrator  
Hugh K Leatherman, Sr., Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
W. Brian White, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee  
Rick Reames, Director, SC Department of Revenue

**Attachment—Copy of Proviso No. 109.10**

**109.10.** (DOR: May Events) Of the accommodation tax returned to Horry County or the municipalities therein, up to one third of the total allocation may be set aside and used for direct policing activities during events held in May within Horry County. By October thirty-first, the local government must inform the Department of Revenue the percentage of accommodation tax to withhold, not to exceed one third of the estimated yearly return that will be dedicated to direct policing activities. These funds shall be sent by the Department of Revenue to the local governing entity upon request of the local entity. A report on the expenditure of these funds, which must include the amount and purpose for which the funds were expended shall be submitted by the county or municipalities to the Governor, the Chairman of Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee no later than 90 days after the end of any event in which these funds are expended.

Horry County, South Carolina  
May Events 2016

	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>State-wide Accommodations Tax</u>	<u>Other Horry County Sources</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Accommodations Tax (Proviso No 109.10)	\$ 231,358.00	\$ 231,358.00	\$ -
Accommodations Tax 65% Funding	47,016.73	-	47,016.73
County Sources (Property Taxes)	254,340.62	-	254,340.62
Permit Revenues			
Harley	61,910.00	-	61,910.00
Memorial	5,600.00	-	5,600.00
	<u>600,225.35</u>	<u>231,358.00</u>	<u>368,867.35</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 600,225.35</b>	<b>\$ 231,358.00</b>	<b>\$ 368,867.35</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Personnel Services			
Police Personnel (wages and benefits)	\$ 381,075.16	\$ 198,628.60	\$ 182,446.56
Emergency Medical Services	26,113.81	-	26,113.81
Emergency Management	7,740.78	-	7,740.78
Per Diem	32,729.40	32,729.40	-
Operating Equipment & Related Supplies	152,566.20	-	152,566.20
	<u>600,225.35</u>	<u>231,358.00</u>	<u>368,867.35</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 600,225.35</b>	<b>\$ 231,358.00</b>	<b>\$ 368,867.35</b>