



News from Livingston County, NY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Date: December 12, 2018

Contact: Heather Grant, Grants and Public
Information Coordinator

Phone: 585-243-7051

Email: hgrant@co.livingston.ny.us

County sees Continued Benefits of Bed Tax Agreement with Airbnb; Short-term Rental Owners Reminded to Collect and Remit all Taxes

Geneseo, NY— Livingston County Administrator Ian M. Coyle announced today that the lodging tax remittance agreement reached with short-term vacation rental website Airbnb in April 2017 continues to benefit the County. With the agreement, Airbnb automatically collects and remits the County's 3% lodging tax, also known as the "Bed Tax," imposed on all hotel, motel, and short-term rental guests.

As of September 30, 2018, the County has collected over \$20,000 since the agreement was reached. The County has also seen year-to-year increases in Airbnb lodging tax collections since signing the agreement. .

"Our agreement with Airbnb has been a worthwhile venture for the County," said Coyle. "While we continue to see strong growth in the amount of revenue collected from this specific short-term rental website, Airbnb is still just one outlet of many residents can use for rental marketing purposes. I remind all owners that it is their responsibility under the County's Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax Law to collect and remit all appropriate taxes and fees to the County for short-term lodging."

###