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**Comptroller Martin D. Masterpole Releases Findings from Audit of
County's Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy Tax**

Over \$420,000 due to Onondaga County

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Onondaga County Comptroller Martin D. Masterpole released the findings of an audit on Onondaga County's Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy Tax. The report encompassed fifty hotels/motels for the period 2019 through 2022 and found Onondaga County is due \$307,065 in underreported revenue and an additional \$117,827 in uncollected penalties and interest.

Onondaga County Hotel Room Occupancy Tax (ROT) Law permits the County to collect a seven percent room rental tax on the per diem rental charge.

Comptroller Masterpole said "I appreciate the dedication post-pandemic of my team with ensuring hotel/motel operators are filing accurate ROT to the Commissioner of Finance. The audits performed by my staff continue to find significant underreported revenue for the benefit of Onondaga County taxpayers".

The complete report may be found at <http://www.ongov.net/comptroller/audits.html>

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