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

Over \$318,000 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 forty-six hotels/motels for the period 2017 through 2018 and found Onondaga County is due \$318,047 in underreported revenue.

Onondaga County Hotel Room Occupancy Tax Law (ROT) permits the County to collect a five percent room rental tax on the per diem rental charge. In 2017, Onondaga County collected ROT of \$6.6M and in 2018, collected \$7.1M from 114 operators.

Comptroller Masterpole said "It is our department's responsibility to ensure hotel/motel operators are in compliance with accurately reporting all required ROT to the Commissioner of Finance. The numerous audits performed by my staff continue to find underreported revenue for the benefit of Onondaga County taxpayers. I appreciate the efforts of my team and the assistance of the County Finance Department."

The complete report may be found at <http://ongov.net/comptroller/documents/ROTAudits2019.pdf>

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