

Lake County and Mount Dora Consider Rule Changes Impacting Airbnbs

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With the growth of Airbnbs and web-based lodging platforms, Mount Dora and Lake County are both looking at common sense solutions to bring regulations up-to-date regarding B&B operations and tax collections.

As this Orlando Sentinel article indicates, millions of dollars in tourist development taxes (as much as \$7 million each year) have been going uncollected from online rentals. Expect the County to adopt a system to make sure all web-based tax revenues are taken in.

Meanwhile, B&Bs have been receiving different treatment under the City of Mount Dora's B&B ordinance, which does not cover the new web-based lodging.

The goal will be to find the correct amount of regulation that creates a level playing field without eliminating the City's ordinance entirely and not allowing protections in residential neighborhoods.

Stay tuned for further developments in the coming weeks.

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