



Resort Area Gross Receipts Tax

Taxpayer

The tax is paid by persons making general sales or providing intrastate transportation within a designated resort area.

Tax Base

The tax is a business privilege tax measured by gross receipts derived from sales made within the boundaries of a designated resort area as well as intrastate transportation to and from such an area. Gross receipts included in the tax base include those derived from:

- Wholesale and retail sales, including food consumed on the premises.
- Rentals and leases of watercraft, golf carts, bicycles, videos, and fishing tackle.
- Hotel and motel room rentals.
- Sales of repair and installation labor.
- Warranties, maintenance or service contracts.
- Sales of personal and professional services.

Rates

The tax may be levied at rates of 0.5 percent, 1 percent, or 1.5 percent. Currently, only three jurisdictions impose the tax: the village of Kelley's Island, the village of Put-in-Bay, and the township of Put-in-Bay. Each jurisdiction has set a rate of 1.5 percent.

Major Exemptions

Gross receipts from the following sources are exempt from the calculation of the tax:

- Food sold for off-premises consumption.
- Installation of improvements to residential or business real property and repair of those installed items.
- Attorney, legal or medical services.
- Charter fishing trips.
- Dockage fees.
- Campsite fees.
- Waste disposal fees.

Revenue

Fiscal Year	Total Taxes
2004	\$867,010
2005	576,330
2006	672,227
2007	773,161
2008	747,299

Disposition of Revenue

Receipts from this tax are designated for the general revenue of the township or municipality.

Payment Dates

There are two semi-annual reporting periods for the tax:

- Jan. 1 through June 30 – returns are due July 31.
- July 1 through Dec. 31 – returns are due Jan. 31.

Special Provisions

The resort area gross receipts tax is not a sales tax or a tax on transactions. It may not be separately listed on an invoice or receipt to customers and it may not be collected directly from customers.

Sections of Ohio Revised Code

Sections 5739.101 – 5739.104.

Responsibility for Administration

Tax Commissioner.

History of Major Changes

- 1993** The General Assembly enacts House Bill 327, authorizing municipalities or townships that meet certain requirements to declare themselves a “resort area” and levy a resort area gross receipts tax. Shortly thereafter, the village of Kelley’s Island enacts tax.
- 1996** The village of Put-in-Bay and township of Put-in-Bay both enact the tax.

Comparisons with Other States (As of 1/09)

No comparison states impose or allow a broad-based consumption tax in defined resort or tourist areas.