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August 1, 2025

Sent via email to: maryinstillwater@gmail.com and narendrap@msn.com

Joline Robinson
Downtown Inn
120 Patton Ave
Asheville, NC 28801

RE: April and May 2025 Occupancy Tax Penalty Waiver Request

Dear Joline Robinson:

Upon receipt of your enclosed email correspondence, Explore Asheville staff plans to present your request for a waiver of occupancy tax penalties assessed by the Buncombe County Tax Department for the Rahul Inc, DBA Downtown Inn & Suites property. The penalties, totaling $729.96, were incurred due to the property's monthly occupancy tax reporting and remittance being late for the months of April and May 2025.

In the first of a two-step approval process, your request will be presented to the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority (BCTDA) at its next regular board meeting, which convenes Wednesday**, August 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the multipurpose room at the Asheville Art Museum, located at 2 South Pack Square in Asheville. I encourage either you or a representative from your property to attend the meeting in person to present the circumstances related to this waiver request and answer any questions.

If you haven't already done so, please let Sarah Myers, manager, executive & strategy for BCTDA/ Explore Asheville, know if you or a representative will be in attendance. Sarah's email address is smyers@ExploreAsheville.com.

Thank you in advance for your response. Please feel free to contact me at visley@ExploreAsheville.com or 828.258.6104 if you have any questions on this matter.

With best regards,

Victoria Isley

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President & CEO
Explore Asheville | Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority

cc: BCTDA Board
Melissa Moore, Michael Boyko; Buncombe County

Rahul, Inc
DBA Downtown Inn & Suites
120 Patton Ave
Asheville, NC 28801
828-655-0049
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July 30th, 2025

Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority

RE: Late Penalty for April and May 2025
Invoice: 149159 & 149505

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have been advised to pay late penalty for Occupancy tax for the month of April and May in the total amount of $729.96.

The stamp on the envelope is dated for the 21st of each month. This is a direct result of some changes made by the local post office in the City of Marion, maybe cost cutting, where they have unexpectedly stopped post marking the mail which is picked up locally from any location in Marion.

I live in Marion, and my office is in Marion. I personally dropped both letters on the 20th of each month in the mailbox that is located at the Marion post office. From Marion, the mail is picked up, put in a bag, and sent to Greenville, SC without a post mark to be processed. In South Carolina, the mail is post marked on the next day.

I believe this penalty has been assessed in an unfair manner at no fault on our side. I respectfully request that the penalty be reversed. I will be more careful in the future to avoid this issue now that I am aware of it.

Thank you for your time,

NK Patel MD (JR)

N.K. Patel, MD
President, Rahul Inc.

Attachment-copies of stamped envelopes and late penalty invoices

N. K. Patel
255 E. Glenview St.
Marion, NC 28752

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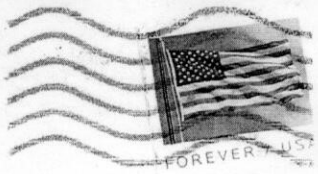
Act 142 TO:

Buncombe County Occupancy Tax
Att: Occupancy Tax Firmade Rm
PO: 3140
Asheville N.C. 28802

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N. K. Patel
255 E. Glenview St.
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P.O. Box: 7526
Asheville, N.C. 28802

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