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### 2019 ADMISSION FEE TAX UPDATE AS OF 12/31/2019

The following chart illustrates the Admission Fees Tax revenue that have been received from 2015 to 12/31/2019. According to the historical data of the previous four fiscal years, the City has exceeded its budget projections for this line item. However for the fiscal year of 2019, the City ended with a negative variance of \$110,132.10.

Although less revenue was received in 2019, we have to realize that in term of budgeting the administration was more conservative during the years of 2015 thru 2018. That being said, less revenue was anticipated during these years.

Also, in June of 2019, the Berks County Convention Center purchased the assets of the Reading Royals and as of today, there is some revenue that is owed to the City by the former owner of the Reading Royals which it has not been received by the City yet.

ADMISSION FEE TAX - 12/31	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Reading Phils	85,746.00	86,721.83	95,363.15	95,598.47	90,207.37
Reading Royals	53,291.51	7,244.06	66,342.32	65,871.08	70,252.03
Santander Arena/Other	140,135.91	269,125.05	271,977.75	210,977.77	154,506.05
Performing Arts Center	110,694.48	164,948.64	150,534.25	123,691.40	130,830.17
<b>Total Revenue Thru 12/31</b>	<b>\$ 389,867.90</b>	<b>\$ 528,039.58</b>	<b>\$ 584,217.47</b>	<b>\$ 496,138.72</b>	<b>\$ 445,795.62</b>
Total Revenue Budgeted	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 325,000.00
<b>Over/(Under) Budget Thru12/31</b>	<b>\$ (110,132.10)</b>	<b>\$ 68,039.58</b>	<b>\$ 159,217.47</b>	<b>\$ 121,138.72</b>	<b>\$ 120,795.62</b>



## **PROPERTY TAX UPDATE – DECEMBER 31, 2019**

For the fiscal year of 2019, the administration budgeted \$24,505,200.00 for property tax revenue, including amounts for Property Tax Prior, Penalty & Interest; and Discount and Allowance.

As of December 31, 2019, the City has received \$24,917,303.70. This amount includes the accrual revenue that has been received in 2020 and belongs to the fiscal year of 2019. That being said, the 2019 year ended with a positive variance of \$412,103.70.

There is a probability that during the current month more revenue could be received for the line item of property tax prior and if that happens, that revenue could be accrued to the fiscal year of 2019.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>YTD 12/31/2019</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Property Tax Current	21,951,200.00	22,218,356.65	267,156.65
Property Tax Prior	2,317,000.00	2,418,524.81	101,524.81
Penalty & Interest	604,000.00	644,795.33	40,795.33
Discount & Allowance	-367,000.00	-364,373.09	2,626.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,505,200.00</b>	<b>24,917,303.70</b>	<b>412,103.70</b>

## **READING PARKING AUTHORITY-DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Every year, the City receives revenue from the Reading Parking Authority for Traffic Fines Motor Codes. The RPA collects this revenue for the City and sends it over to the City in two payments during the year. In 2019, the City budgeted \$340,000.00 and only \$277,408.11 has been received, and the year ended with a negative variance of \$62,591.89

The other line item from which the City receives revenue from RPA is for Rental – Parking Authority. In 2019, the City budgeted \$850,000.00 for this line item and only \$400,000.00 has been received; And for the fiscal year of 2019, this line item ended with a negative variance of \$450,000.00.

	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>YTD 12/31/2019</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Traffic Fines Motor Codes</b>	340,000.00	277,408.11	(62,591.89)
<b>Rental-Parking Authority</b>	850,000.00	400,000.00	(450,000.00)