

*Excerpt from 7/17/06 meeting notes:*

**Lisa Brendle has prepared a presentation on city sales taxes, which addresses 9 questions on the information chart.**

[Please also refer to Lisa's report, found as a downloadable from the data section.]

*5. Seasonal businesses contribution to tax base (property, sales, bed) (Economy W)*

Because of the distinction of "seasonal business," this question can't be definitively answered as asked. The group has discovered from past presentations that facts and figures aren't tracked per business, and therefore, information specifically about seasonal businesses (those open in summer and closed in winter) does not exist. Dave Wolff suggests asking seasonal businesses if they'd like to provide information on their bed and sales tax to us.

The SH agree to rephrase the question to read:

*What is a comparison of the bed and sale tax revenue by quarters where visitor industry is active vs. when it is less active?*

This could be determined by looking at sales tax, difference between 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> vs. 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> quarters. There is some discussion about whether locals also buy more during the summer, but the best we can do is say in summer season, and understand there are more sales across the board from a combination of visitors and locals. Since Lisa has also addressed the sales tax revenues by quarter in another question, there is also some discussion about just striking this question all together. However, SHs see value in determining the revenues gained during this time, especially if we get good answers to the other questions about cost of visitor operations. SH ask Lisa if she could rearrange the data from some of the other charts she has created to show sales tax per quarter lined up next to numbers of visitors. Chris Bryner offers to do this for her. SH agree that if Chris provides this new data arrangement, they would have enough information to close this topic.