



KTIA Position on Restaurant Tax

The tourism industry supports the expansion to all cities of the eligibility to enact a restaurant tax if that expansion preserves current restaurant tax requirements in those cities that have previously enacted it and if a reasonable portion of the monies from the tax in newly eligible cities are dedicated to the city's tourist commission.

Why has KTIA taken this position?

- We acknowledge the financial struggles of our local communities.
- A thriving tourism industry is to the benefit of all Kentuckians and our state and local governments.
- Enhanced community promotion to visitors is one of the benefits resulting from an expanded restaurant tax. It will allow cities to reap the benefits of expanding their tax base through non-residents.

Tourism remains an economic generator in Kentucky, with 94,500 jobs and \$787 million in local and state tax revenue generated by the industry. KTIA looks forward to participating in any discussions regarding the restaurant tax during the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly.

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