

## Response to Questions from Board of Supervisors' Retreat February 2012

**Request By:** Board of Supervisors

**Question:** Please provide meals tax revenue and meals tax rates levied in Northern Virginia, Tidewater, as well as, Montgomery County, Prince George's County and the District of Columbia.

**Response:** The table below shows the meals tax revenue and rates for those localities that levy a meals tax. In Northern Virginia, Loudoun County, Prince William County and Fairfax County do not levy a Meals Tax. In addition, Montgomery County, Prince George's County and the State of Maryland do not levy a meals tax.

**Meals Tax Rates and Revenue Generated**

Locality	FY 2012 Meals Tax Rate	FY 2012 Estimated Meals Tax Revenue (millions)
<i>Northern Virginia*</i>		
Alexandria	4.0%	\$16.3
Arlington	4.0%	\$30.1
Falls Church	4.0%	\$2.4
Fairfax City	4.0%	\$4.8
Herndon	2.5%	\$1.8
Vienna	3.0%	\$1.8
<i>Tidewater, Virginia*</i>		
Hampton	6.5%	\$15.1
Newport News	6.5%	\$17.6
Norfolk	6.5%	\$24.2
Virginia Beach	5.5%	\$51.8
District of Columbia**	10.0%	\$288.3

\*In addition to the Meals Tax, the 5% Sales Tax is applied to meals in Virginia.

\*\*In DC, the Sales Tax does not apply to meals. The revenue shown for the meals tax in DC represents FY 2009 data and also includes taxes on rental vehicles.