

(2) In a code county and Calvert, Cecil, Garrett, and St. Mary's counties, after the distribution in item (1) of this subsection, the revenue attributable to a hotel located in a municipal corporation to the municipal corporation; and

(3) The remaining balance to the general fund of the county.

(b) (1) Cecil County may not deduct more than 5% of the revenue for administrative costs under subsection (a)(1) of this section.

(2) Garrett County shall designate a part of the balance under subsection (a)(3) of this section for the promotion of the county.

(3) (i) Wicomico County may not deduct more than 5% of the revenue for administrative costs under subsection (a)(1) of this section.

(ii) If Wicomico County authorizes a hotel rental tax rate of 5%, the county shall distribute:

1. 20% of the revenue to the Salisbury Zoological Park; and

2. 20% of the revenue to the Tourism Center for Wicomico County to be used for its operation and maintenance.

(iii) Wicomico County shall deposit all remaining revenues, after the distributions under subsection (a)(1) of this section and subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph in the general funds of Wicomico County to underwrite the Wicomico County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

(4) (i) For purposes of this paragraph, actual administrative costs mean costs incurred for wages, postage, and supplies.

(ii) Washington County:

1. Shall distribute 45% of the total hotel rental tax revenue collected in the county to the general fund of Washington County to be used to fund the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

2. Shall distribute the remaining balance after the distribution under item 1 of this subparagraph to a special fund, to be used only to cover actual administrative costs and legal fees incurred in administering the hotel rental tax, develop tourism attractions, enhance economic development, and support cultural and recreational projects in Washington County.

(iii) A municipal corporation in Washington County may apply to the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County for funding from the special fund established under subparagraph (ii)2 of this paragraph for an eligible project within the municipal corporation.

(iv) Each year before adoption of its annual budget, the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau shall hold a public hearing on the proposed annual budget.

(v) On or before September 1 of each year beginning in 2001: