

Monthly Report No. 4-2019

MGM National Harbor Gaming Taxes Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) and Table Game (TG) Local Taxes Distributed to Prince George's County from the State of Maryland

FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

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Purpose

Section 9-1A-27 and Section 9-1A-31 of the State Government Article govern the imposition and distribution of video lottery terminal (VLT) taxes and table game (TG) taxes in Maryland. This monthly report series is designed to show the actual VLT taxes and Table Game taxes paid by the State of Maryland to Prince George's County in FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019).

Summary

For October 2018 MGM
National Harbor operations,
Prince George's County
received approximately \$3.3
million in payments from the
State for Video Lottery
Terminal (VLT) (e.g. "local
impact grants")¹ and Table
Game (TG) local taxes. The
State did not withhold any VLT
taxes from Prince George's
County under the "holdharmless" provision for Anne
Arundel County related to
October 2018 operations.

VLT and Table Game Local Taxes - Amounts Paid by the State Prince George's County FY 2019

		VLT Taxes	Table Game	
Month	Notes	Paid (2) (3)	Taxes Paid	Total
Jul-18	1	\$1,169,009	\$1,317,455	\$2,486,464
Aug-18	1	\$1,158,431	\$1,334,736	\$2,493,167
Sep-18	1	\$1,163,462	\$1,192,005	\$2,355,466
Oct-18	1	\$1,113,616	\$2,171,879	\$3,285,495
Total		\$4,604,517	\$6,016,076	\$10,620,593

Note:

- (1) The State did not withhold any payments related to the VLT "hold-harmless" provision for the month.
- (2) VLT Taxes = "local impact grants"
- (3) Local impact grants "...shall be used for improvements primarily in the communities in immediate proximity to the video lottery facilities..."

 Section 9-1A-31(b)(1) of the State Government Article

¹ Section 9-1A-27(a)(3) of the State Government Article requires that 5.5% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals be distributed to the jurisdiction where the video lottery facility is located, subject to specified deductions. It also defines these allocations as "local impact grants". Effective October 2017, the local tax rate on video lottery terminal expired ticket revenues increased from 5.5% to 9.5%.



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Table Game (TG) Taxes

For October 2018 MGM National Harbor operations, Prince George's County received approximately \$2.2 million in payments from the State for Table Game local taxes (5.0%). The State's TG local tax payments have been as follows for the past month and Fiscal Year:

Table Game (TG) Local Taxes - Amounts Paid by the State Prince George's County FY 2019

	Oct-18	FYTD
Gross Table Game Revenues - MGM National Harbor	\$43,437,589	\$120,321,512
TG Local Tax Rate (5.0%)	5.0%	5.0%
Table Game Local Tax Allocation Paid by the State	\$2,171,879	\$6,016,076

Note:

"FYTD" - Fiscal Year to Date

There are no proximity requirements in either Section 9-1A-27 or Section 9-1A-31 of the State Government Article for the use of table game local taxes.



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Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Taxes (e.g. "local impact grants")

For October 2018 MGM National Harbor operations, Prince George's County received approximately \$1.1 million from the State of Maryland, after deductions required by State Law², for Video Lottery Terminal local taxes (5.5%). The State did not withhold any VLT taxes related to October 2018 operations due to the "hold-harmless" provision in State law.³

The breakdown of the VLT local tax distribution formula for the past month and Fiscal Year is shown in the table:

VLT Local Taxes - Amounts Paid by the State Prince George's County FY 2019

	Oct-18	FYTD
Gross VLT Revenues - Big 3 Facilities	\$73,910,825	\$305,781,768
VLT Local Tax Rate (5.5%)	5.5%	5.5%
VLT Local Taxes - Big 3 Facilities	\$4,065,095	\$16,817,997
VLT Local Tax Allocation - Big 3 - Expired Tickets	\$95,873	\$292,605
Big 3 Gross VLT Expired Tickets	9.5%	9.5%
VLT Local Tax (9.5%) Expired Tickets - Effective October 2017	\$9,108	\$27,797
VLT Local Tax Allocation - Big 3 - Expired Tickets	\$9,108	\$27,797
Final - VLT Local Tax Allocation with Expired Tickets - Before Deductions	\$4,074,203	\$16,845,795
Less: State Law Deductions	(\$733,357)	(\$3,032,243)
Net VLT Local Taxes - Big 3 Facilities	\$3,340,847	\$13,813,552
Divide Evenly - State Law	\$1,113,616	\$4,604,517
Less: "Hold-Harmless" - State Law	\$0	\$0
VLT Local Tax Allocation Paid by the State	\$1,113,616	\$4,604,517

Notes:

- (1) Big 3 Facilities Maryland Live, Horseshoe, MGM National Harbor
- (2) State Law deductions:
 - A. Allegany County (\$200,000) annually
 - B. Cecil County (\$130,000) annually
 - C. Town of Perryville (\$70,000) annually
 - D. Worcester County (\$200,000) annually
 - E. 18% to Baltimore City (after deductions above) monthly
- (3) Divide Evenly State Law requires Net VLT Local Taxes for Big 3 Facilities to be divided equally
- (4) "Hold-Harmless" Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City cannot receive less VLT Local Taxes in a fiscal year than FY 2016. The State has not withheld any funds in FY 2019 to date.
- (5) "FYTD" Fiscal Year to Date
- (6) Effective October 2017, per State law, the local tax rate on expired ticket revenues changed from 5.5% to 9.5%.

² Section 9-1A-31(a)(1) through Section 9-1A-31(a)(8) of the State Government Article describes the distribution process, including various deductions, for video lottery terminal taxes to the local jurisdictions with a video lottery facility.

³ "Hold-harmless" Provision - Section 9-1A-31(a)(7) states that the amount distributed annually to Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City from VLT Taxes may not be less than the amount received in the fiscal year before the video lottery operation license was issued for the facility in Prince George's County (e.g. Fiscal Year 2016).