



Monthly Report No. 3-2020

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 2020 (July 1, 2019 – July 30, 2020)

December 5, 2019

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 2020 (July 1, 2019 through July 30, 2020).

Summary

For September 2019 MGM National Harbor operations, Prince George’s County received approximately \$2.4 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 “hold-harmless” provision for Anne Arundel County related to September 2019 operations.

**VLT and Table Game Local Taxes - Amounts Paid by the State
Prince George's County
FY 2020**

Month	Note	VLT Taxes		Table Game	Total
		Paid (2) (3)		Taxes Paid	
Jul-19	1	\$1,198,347	\$1,353,270	\$2,551,617	
Aug-19	1	\$1,218,759	\$1,470,142	\$2,688,901	
Sep-19	1	\$1,165,886	\$1,265,417	\$2,431,303	
Total		\$3,582,992	\$4,088,829	\$7,671,821	

Notes:

- (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 September 2019 MGM National Harbor operations, Prince George's County received approximately \$1.3 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
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	Sep-19	FYTD
Gross Table Game Revenues - MGM National Harbor	\$25,308,339	\$81,776,575
TG Local Tax Rate (5.0%)	5.0%	5.0%
Table Game Local Tax Allocation Paid by the State	\$1,265,417	\$4,088,829

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 September 2019 MGM National Harbor operations, Prince George's County received approximately \$1.2 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 September 2019 operations due to the "hold-harmless" provision in State law³. 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
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	Sep-19	FYTD
Gross VLT Revenues - Big 3 Facilities	\$77,371,331	\$237,820,906
VLT Local Tax Rate (5.5%)	5.5%	5.5%
VLT Local Taxes - Big 3 Facilities	\$4,255,423	\$13,080,150
VLT Local Tax Allocation - Big 3 - Expired Tickets	\$105,400	\$298,505
Big 3 Gross VLT Expired Tickets	9.5%	9.5%
VLT Local Tax (9.5%) Expired Tickets - Effective October 2017	\$10,013	\$28,358
VLT Local Tax Allocation - Big 3 - Expired Tickets	\$10,013	\$28,358
Final - VLT Local Tax Allocation with Expired Tickets - Before Deductions	\$4,265,436	\$13,108,508
Less: State Law Deductions	(\$767,779)	(\$2,359,531)
Net VLT Local Taxes - Big 3 Facilities	\$3,497,658	\$10,748,976
Divide Evenly - State Law	\$1,165,886	\$3,582,992
Less: "Hold-Harmless" - State Law	\$0	\$0
VLT Local Tax Allocation Paid by the State	\$1,165,886	\$3,582,992

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 2020 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).



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