

**9. PUBLIC HEARING (9:00 A.M.)  
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX**

OPENING STATEMENT

This public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-2204, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to receive public comment on an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Southampton County Code by adding a new Article VIII, Sec. 15-150, et. seq., establishing a transient lodging room rental tax equivalent to two (2) percent of the total amount paid for room rental by or for any transient to any lodging facility. The transient occupancy tax is proposed for levy on hotels, motels, boarding houses, travel campgrounds and other facilities offering guest rooms rented out for continuous occupancy for fewer than 30 consecutive days.

The notice of public hearing was published in the Tidewater News on April 12 and April 19, 2009 as required by law. After conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the comments offered this evening and will proceed to adopt, reject or defer action on the proposed ordinance.

**MOTION REQUIRED:** If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached ordinance.