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**Lodging Tax Elsewhere**

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A lodging tax “un” taxes Springfield residents because it will only be paid by visitors who spend the night in Springfield lodging! This concept may be new to Springfield, but it is not new to surrounding areas. Some examples are:

<b>County</b>	<b>Effective Year</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Alamosa	1/1/89	1.90%
Bent	1/1/89	0.90%
Prowers	1/1/06	2.00%

Lodging tax revenue generated is highly variable in Colorado, ranging from \$0 to \$28 million per year and has been in effect in some areas since the late 1980s. The average lodging tax rate in Colorado is about 2%. The proposed lodging tax rate for Springfield is 3%. This would add an additional cost \$1.50 to a \$50.00 room. This additional cost is incurred by the visitor staying at the motel and does not come out of the motel owners’ profit.

Residents shouldn’t have to bear more tax burden and the lodging tax will allow an untapped resource to be tapped into and benefit all of Baca County. Next time you see a visitor in Springfield, shake their hand and thank them for visiting our town and contributing to our tax base.

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