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NEWS RELEASE

City councilors seek feedback on Lodgers' Tax overage

Durango, CO: Durango City Councilors are asking residents to take a survey and help define what to do with approximately \$1.3 million of unanticipated lodgers' tax collections.

Voters in 2021 approved a ballot measure to increase the lodgers' tax paid when someone rents a hotel room. Approximately \$1.3 million in 2021 and 2022 is expected to be collected beyond was initially estimated, due to a huge post-COVID rebound in tourism. State law requires the money be refunded unless voters approve the city keeping the money.

City Councilors seek the survey feedback because they are considering a ballot initiative for November 2022 to keep and retain the excess revenues for one of the following areas:

1. Arts and Culture
2. Housing
3. Transportation/Parking

All items have been considered high priority items under consideration by the City of Durango.

If the ballot issue fails, city staff has recommended the money be refunded through a rebate on city utilities. The results of an initial survey on how to spend the money are [here](#).

To take the new survey, which should take less than a minute, click [here](#). Council will discuss the survey results at the Aug. 16 council meeting.

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