
OH&LA Hotel Industry Recovery: November 4, 2020

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COVID-19 Membership Update: November 4

AD Valorem Tax: Extension

Yesterday, OH&LA on behalf of its board of directors sent a letter to Governor Kevin Stitt requesting a 6 to 8-month extension of the deadline for payment of the ad valorem tax and a waiver of the interest and penalties under the statutory authority of County Treasurers set forth in 68 O.S. Sec. 2913. It is our hope that the request will be approved and it will provide additional assistance to hotel operators in Oklahoma. We will keep members informed about developments. [Click here to read the letter.](#)

2020 Election Update

At this moment, the Presidential race and a number of key Congressional election contests are still undecided or too close to call. The race for the White House could drag on for days and possibly weeks, with legal challenges expected in closely contested states.

Our partners at AHLA expect that control of Congress will be divided, with Republicans likely maintaining control of the Senate, and Democrats holding the House with a slimmer majority. This scenario would create a system of checks and balances which could lead to bipartisan compromises on a number of key issues, most importantly on the issue of COVID relief for our industry.

Together, AHLA and OH&LA will continue to press Congressional leaders to reach a bipartisan, bicameral deal to provide additional relief and liquidity for the hotel industry, which has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Get the Latest Updates:

[Live Presidential Race Results](#)

[Live Senate Race Results](#)

[Live House Race Results](#)

[Live Governors Race Results](#)

Human Trafficking Training is Important During the Pandemic

Human trafficking is a crime that thrives on chaos and vulnerability, and the current pandemic, as well as its resulting economic effect, [is making more people vulnerable](#). According to the anti-trafficking group Polaris, the number of human trafficking cases handled by their hotline in the month of April 2020 compared to the time leading up to the pandemic and the same month in 2019, showed a 40 percent increase during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PPP Forgiveness FactSheet

A [PPP factsheet](#) for borrowers that provides a high-level overview of what they have to do as part of the PPP forgiveness process has been developed for SBA field offices and SBA resource partners. The basic premise is that the borrowers in all cases should work with their PPP lenders on forgiveness.

Stars of the Industry Awards

OH&LA has built a 20+ year history of recognizing Oklahoma's BEST in the hotel industry, and in 2020 we will continue this tradition. Now more than ever, it is important to recognize employees who during the pandemic are taking on duties far above and beyond their everyday roles. We want to celebrate those professionals who make our industry extraordinary even in times of difficulty. Let OHLA help you demonstrate the value of your most outstanding employees - and nominate for Stars of the Industry Awards. STARS will shine a much-needed light on those who are leading the charge to recovery. [Click here](#) to view the latest categories and criteria and nominate your employees by November 21, 2020. The award ceremony will take place on January 13, 2021.

[Want to become a Stars category Partner?](#) This year's event will be more special than ever with all our industry has endured. Contact [Linda Etherton](#) to discuss [category options](#). This is the perfect way to spotlight your company at our premier annual event, show your appreciation for Oklahoma hotels, and help support the Association during this time.

Register for the Post-Election Analysis Webinar

Join AHLA President & CEO Chip Rogers and Government Affairs EVP Brian Crawford on November 5th at 1pm as they break down the election results, provide post-election analysis and discuss what the results could mean for the future of our industry. [Click here to register!](#)