



PLAYA DEL CARMEN, QUINTANA ROO, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017.

PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION FEE

Regarding the *Derecho de Saneamiento Ambiental* established in articles 132 Bis, 132 Ter, 132 Quater and 132 Quinques of the Taxation Law of the Municipality of Solidaridad of the State of Quintana Roo (*Ley de Hacienda del Municipio de Solidaridad del Estado de Quintana Roo*), we notify all providers of lodging services in hotels, inns or guest houses, hostels, motels and vacation rentals in the Municipality of Solidaridad the following:

1. The “Derecho por saneamiento ambiental” (DSA) is not a tax, it is a compulsory **fee**¹ (*derecho*) for **tourists lodged in Solidaridad**. The fee is paid per occupied room.
2. The services granted to the guests in exchange for this **fee** will be used for the conservation and maintenance of public beaches, urban waste management and street lighting.
3. On August 29, 2017, the Council of the Municipality of Solidaridad, during its 23rd Ordinary Session, authorized a 50% discount (\$10.00 Mexican pesos 00/100) on the **Environmental Sanitation Fee** applicable from September 2017 to December 2017.
4. The Municipality of Solidaridad will start charging the **Environmental Sanitation Fee** on October 1, 2017.
5. The **statement** of the fee shall be paid for no later than the 17th of every month. Therefore, the first **payment** for all rooms occupied from October 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017, must be paid for no later than November 17, 2017.

¹ The Oxford English Dictionary defines a fee as “a payment made to a professional person or to a professional or public body in exchange for advice or services.”



6. The official format for the **statement** and methods of payment will be available on the official website of the Municipality of Solidaridad (<http://www.municipiodesolidaridad.gob.mx/>). Furthermore, the government will provide a specialized cashier within the City Hall (*Palacio Municipal*).
7. Starting January 1, 2018, the **Environmental Sanitation Fee** applied to rooms for overnight occupation will be \$20.00 Mexican pesos 00/100.



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