

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2024-015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING CHAPTER 3-28 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE, ENTITLED “TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX,” TO INCREASE BY 2% THE TAX PAID BY GUESTS AT HOTELS, MOTELS, AND OTHER LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3-28.020 of the Santa Rosa City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**Section 3-28.020.** Imposition. For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of eleven percent (11%) of the rent charged by the operator. Said tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the City which is extinguished only by payment to the operator of the hotel at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax shall be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax shall be due upon the transient’s ceasing to occupy space in the hotel. If, for any reason, the tax due is not paid to the operator of the hotel, the tax collector may require that such tax be paid directly to the tax collector.”

Section 2. Environmental Determination. The Council finds the rate increase adopted by the ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that such an increase may have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance, following its adoption by majority vote of the City Council, its publication, and approval by a majority of the voters of the City of Santa Rosa voting thereon at an election called for that purpose, shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

This ordinance was introduced by the Council of the City of Santa Rosa on August 6th, 2024.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED, SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL, this 20th day of August, 2024.

AYES: (6) Mayor N. Rogers, Vice Mayor Stapp, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Okrepkie, C. Rogers

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member MacDonald

ABSTAIN/RECUSE: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Deputy City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney