

ORDINANCE NO. 13842

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,
PART II, CHAPTER 11, SECTIONS 11-186 AND 11-199,
RELATIVE TO HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, AND SHORT-
TERM VACATION RENTALS, PRIVILEGE TAX LEVIED
USE.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 11, Section 11-186, Definition, be and is hereby amended by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 11-186. Definition.

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) “Consideration” means the consideration charged, whether or not received, for the occupancy in a hotel valued in money, whether to be received in money, goods, labor or otherwise, including all receipts, cash, credits, property and services of any kind or nature without any deduction therefrom whatsoever. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to imply that consideration is charged when the space provided to the person is complimentary from the operator and no consideration is charged to or received from any person;

(2) “Hotel” means any structure or space, or any portion thereof, which is occupied or intended or designed for occupancy by transients for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes, and includes any hotel, inn, tourist camp, tourist court, tourist cabin, motel, bed and breakfast, or any place in which rooms, lodgings or accommodations are furnished to transients for a consideration, in addition to short-term rental property as defined in Chattanooga City Code Section 38-36, and short-term rental unit as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4;

(3) “Occupancy” means the use or possession, or the right to the use or possession, of any room, lodgings, or accommodations in any hotel;

(4) “Operator” means the person operating the hotel whether as owner, lessee or otherwise;

(5) “Person” means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, social club, fraternal organization, joint stock company, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate or any other group or combination acting as a unit; and

(6) “Transient” means any person who exercises occupancy or is entitled to occupancy of any rooms, lodgings, or accommodations in a hotel for a period of less than thirty (30) continuous days.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 11, Section 11-199, Privilege tax levied; use, be and is hereby amended by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 11-199. Privilege tax levied; use.

(a) The rate of the levy shall be four (4%) percent of the consideration charged by the operator. This privilege tax shall be collected pursuant to and subject to the provisions of these statutory provisions. The City Treasurer is designated as the authorized collector to administer and enforce this ordinance and these statutory provisions.

(b) The proceeds received from this tax shall be designated for the promotion of tourism and tourism development within the City of Chattanooga. Amounts necessary to cover debt obligations related to the 21st Century Waterfront must be so designated before funds can be used for other tourism promotion or development. The privilege taxes collected shall be placed in a special account to be used only for these purposes.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Passed on second and final reading: June 14, 2022

CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED:____ DISAPPROVED:____

MAYOR

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