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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of January 8, 2024

Title/Subject

Ordinance No. 2351 - Increasing the Transient Room Tax and Modifying Exemptions

Summary and Background

The City of Hermiston adopted a Transient Room Tax (TRT) in 1991 and increased the rate to its current level of eight percent in 2003. Based on historic percentages and current state law limitations, these rates have not been touched in many years.

Based on the changing transient room rental market, clarification related to the rental of a private house or like facility was needed. This proposed change will make it clear which short-term rentals are required to pay the TRT.

Tie-In to Council Goals

N/A

Fiscal Information

The proposed TRT rate increase would increase revenue to general fund of \$100,000 per year.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 2351 without modification.
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 2351 with minor modifications.
3. Direct staff to make major changes to Ordinance No. 2351 and return at a later date.

Recommended Action/Motion

Adopt Ordinance No. 2351 without modification.

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