

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING SECTION 8-503 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA CONTINGENT ON VOTER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. O-2223-26 TO INCREASE THE EXCISE TAX UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OR GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM RENTS RECEIVED FROM OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAID INCREASE SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Norman Transient Guest Room Tax Ordinance (Ordinance No. O-7980-58) was originally adopted in May 1980 with the citizens of Norman voting to enact the corresponding excise tax of four percent (4%) in July 1980; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the excise tax has been increased once since its original adoption when it was increased from four percent (4%) to five percent (5%) in 2013; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, excise tax funds collected through this tax are set aside and used exclusively for the purpose of encouraging, promoting and fostering the convention and tourism development of the City of Norman; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, an increase in the excise tax would provide funding to promote and foster the tourism development in the City of Norman resulting from recent improvements to sports facilities and would provide additional opportunities for public art.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 5. That should the voters approve the excise tax increase set out in Ordinance No. O-2223-26, then Section 8-503 of Chapter 8 of the Code of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, which will ultimately be recodified as Section 12-502 upon the effective date of Ordinance O-2223-24, shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 8-503. Tax Rate.**

There is hereby levied an excise tax of ~~Five~~ Eight percent (~~5~~ 8 %) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all rent for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel in this City except that the tax shall not be imposed where the rent is less than the rate of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per day.

- § 6. Effective Date. The rates described above shall be effective for all occupancy billings issued on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023, and thereafter conditioned upon said rate increase being approved by a majority of the registered voters voting in an election called for the purpose of approving or rejecting said rates; Said election to be held on

the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

§ 7. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, except, that the effective date provision shall not be severable from the operative provisions of the ordinance.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day

NOT ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_

day

of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Mayor

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk