

**ORDINANCE TO
AMEND CHAPTER 76, ARTICLE II, SECTION 76-13
OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR MCFARLAND, MAYOR
FROM: FINANCE**

Whereas, an amendment is required to Chapter 76 Finance and Taxation, Article II Room Tax, Section 76-13 Rate of the City of Watertown General Ordinances to reflect a market increase in room tax rates; and,

Whereas, the Tourism Commission reviewed the proposed Chapter 76, Article II, Section 76-13 room tax rate increase at its December 14, 2023 meeting and is in agreement with the adoption of said increase.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 76-13 "Rate" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 76-13 Rate. The tax imposed shall be at the rate of ~~5%~~ **8%** of the gross proceeds billed or received for furnishing accommodations to the public.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force beginning April 1, 2024 after its passage and publication.

DATE:	December 19, 2023		January 2, 2024	
READING:	1ST		2ND	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
DAVIS				
LAMPE				
BOARD				
BARTZ				
BLANKE				
SMITH				
SCHMID				
WETZEL				
MOLDENHAUER				
MAYOR MCFARLAND				
TOTAL				

ADOPTED: January 2nd, 2024

CITY CLERK

APPROVED: January 2nd, 2024

MAYOR