

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06-056

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER 22, SECTION 22-61

(Hotel/motel use tax / 2015)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to tax; and

WHEREAS, the City Council heretofore has enacted Urbana City Code Section 22-61 to levy and impose a tax upon the use and privilege of renting a hotel or motel room within the City at the rate of six (6) percent of the rental or leasing charge for each such hotel and motel room rented for each twenty-four-hour period or any portion thereof, except as provided therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the fiscal needs of the City require an increase in the rate of that tax to seven (7) percent of the rental or leasing charge for each such hotel and motel room rented for each twenty-four-hour period or any portion thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that Visit Champaign County, formerly known as the Champaign County Convention & Visitors Bureau, promotes Champaign County as an overnight visitor destination and enhances economic growth in Champaign County; and-

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that supporting Visit Champaign County as herein provided will promote the economic vitality of the City and will demonstrate the City's firm commitment to regional collaboration on tourism and marketing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

Urbana City Code Chapter 22, "Taxation," Article V, "Hotel/Motel Use Tax," Section 22-61, "Tax," subsection (a) is hereby amended with the underlined text indicating new language and the strikethrough text indicating deletions as follows:

Sec. 22-61. - Tax.

- (a) There is hereby levied and imposed upon the use and privilege of renting a hotel or motel room within the city a tax of seven (7) ~~six (6)~~ percent of the rental or leasing charge for each such hotel and motel room rented for each twenty-four-hour period or any portion thereof; provided, however, that the tax shall not be levied and imposed upon any person to rent a hotel or motel room for more than thirty (30) consecutive days who works or lives in the same hotel or motel.

Section 2.

The Finance Director is hereby directed to allocate an annual grant of \$10,000 of the revenue resulting from imposition and collection of the tax imposed by this Ordinance to Visit Champaign County, subject to Visit Champaign County's agreement in a written contract to such terms and conditions pertaining to the receipt, use, and reporting on the use of grant funds as are approved by the Urbana City Council.

Section 3.

Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Urbana City Code that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Urbana City Code other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 5.

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code or on August 1, 2015, whichever occurs later.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor