

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1705.02 RATE OF TAX, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO

WHEREAS, the City desire to change the allocation of bed tax money in order to better promote economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 1705.02, Rate of Tax, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wooster, Ohio is hereby amended to read as follows

1705.02 RATE OF TAX.

(a) Commencing on July 1, 1997, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, there is levied a tax of three percent (3%) on all rents received by a hotel for lodging furnished to transient guests, with total receipts applied as follows:

(1) ~~Four~~ **Two** percent (~~4%~~) (**2%**) of the funds received shall be charged as an administrative-collection fee and retained in the general fund to defray costs associated with the imposition and administration of the tax.

~~(2) One half of the remaining balance of such tax receipts shall be deposited in the general fund;~~

~~(3)~~ **(2)** The remaining ~~one half~~ **ninety-eight percent (98%)** of such balance of tax receipts shall be deposited in a fund designated for promoting economic development.

(b) This tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient guest to the City which is extinguished only by payment to the operator as trustee for the City, or to the City. The transient guest shall pay the tax to the operator of the hotel at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax shall be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax shall be due upon the transient guest ceasing to occupy space in the hotel.

If for any reason the tax due is not paid to the operator of the hotel, the Director may require that the tax be paid directly to the Director.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and declares that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance occurred in an open meeting of this Council or its committees, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

1st reading 11-20-2023 2nd reading → 3rd reading 11-20-2023

Passed: November 20, 2023

Vote: 7-0

Attest: Amy M. Hamilton
Clerk of Council

Michael G. Bytch
President of Council

Approved: November 21, 2023

R. F. Breneman
Mayor

Introduced by: Craig Sanders