

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE \_\_\_\_\_**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 8-4.20 OF THE HAYWARD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 8-4.20 of the Hayward Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 8-4.20 - TAX IMPOSED.**

For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of ~~eight and one-half percent (8½%)~~ up to fourteen percent (14%) of the rent charged by the operator. Said tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the city which is extinguished only by payment to the operator or to the city. The transient 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's ceasing to occupy space in the hotel. If for any reason the tax due is not paid to the operator of the hotel, the Tax and License Administrator may require that such tax shall be paid directly to the Tax and License Administrator.

Section 2. To the extent allowed under Article XIII C of the California Constitution, this Ordinance may be amended by the City Council without a vote of the people, except that voter approval shall be required for any amendment that increases the tax, within the meaning of Government Code section 53750(h), beyond the levels authorized by this chapter.

Section 3. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City Council independently finds and determines that this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, as an activity that is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The general exemption applies in this instance because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments could

have a significant effect on the environment, and thus are not subject to CEQA. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, invalid or beyond the authority of the City of Hayward by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective 10 days after the certification of its approval by the voters at the Election pursuant to Elections Code section 9217.

Section 6. Upon approval by the voters, the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause it to be published according to law.