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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

§ 35.01 TITLE

This subchapter shall be referred to as the Village Hotel Accommodations Tax ordinance.

§ 35.02 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. A room or rooms in any building structure kept, used, or maintained as or advertised or held out to the public to be an inn, motel, hotel, apartment, lodging house, dormitory, or place where sleeping, rooming, office, conference, or exhibition accommodations are furnished for lease or rent, whether with or without meals, in which ten or more such accommodations are used or maintained for guests, lodgers, or roomers. The term ***HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS*** does not include an accommodation which a person occupies, or has the right to occupy, as a domicile and permanent residence.

PERSON. Any natural person, receiver, administrator, executor, conservator, assignee, trust in perpetuity, trust, estate, firm, copartnership, joint venture, club, company, business trust, domestic or foreign corporation, association, syndicate, society, or any group of individuals acting as a unit, whether mutual, cooperative, fraternal, nonprofit, or otherwise. Whenever the term ***PERSON*** is used in any clause prescribing and imposing a penalty, the term as applied to associations shall mean the owners or part owners thereof, and as applied to corporations, the officers thereof.

§ 35.03 TAX IMPOSED; LIABILITY

(A) There is hereby imposed and shall immediately accrue and be collected a tax as herein provided, upon the rental or leasing of any hotel accommodations in the Village at the rate of 5% of the gross rental or leasing charge.

(B) The ultimate incidence of and liability for payment of the tax shall be borne by the lessee or tenant of any such hotel accommodations. The tax herein levied shall be in addition to any and all other taxes. It shall be the duty of every owner, manager, or operator of hotel accommodations to secure the tax from the lessee or tenant of the hotel accommodations and pay over to the Village the tax provided by this subchapter.

§ 35.04 APPLICABILITY

The tax herein levied shall be secured by the hotel owner, manager, or operator from the lessee or tenant when collecting the price, charge, or rent to which it applied. Every lessee or tenant shall be given a bill, invoice, receipt, or other statement or memorandum of the price, charge, or rent payable, upon which the hotel accommodations tax shall be stated, charged, and shown separately. The hotel accommodations tax shall be paid to the person required to collect it as trustee for and on behalf of the Village.

§ 35.05 MONTHLY TAX RETURNS

(A) Every owner, manager, or operator of hotel accommodations within the Village shall file a sworn tax return on a monthly basis with the Village Treasurer and Village Clerk showing tax receipts received with respect to hotel accommodation space rented or leased during the preceding monthly period, upon forms prescribed by the Village. At the time of filing the tax return, the owner, manager, or operator of hotel accommodations shall pay to the Village all taxes due for the period to which the tax return applies.

(B) If for any reason any tax is not paid when due, a penalty at the rate of 2 % per month on the amount of tax which remains unpaid shall be added and collected. Whenever any person shall fail to pay any tax as herein provided, upon the request of the Village, the corporation counsel shall bring or cause to be brought an action to enforce the payment of the tax in behalf of the Village in any court of competent jurisdiction.

§ 35.06 TAX RECORDS

Every owner, manager, or operator of hotel accommodations in the Village shall keep books and records showing the prices, rents, or charges made or charged, and occupancies taxable under this subchapter. The Village Treasurer or Clerk, or a designee, shall at all reasonable times have full access to such books and records.

§ 35.07 INTENTIONAL NON-PAYMENT; LICENSE SUSPENSION

If the President, after hearing held by or for the President, shall find that any person has willfully avoided payment of the tax imposed by this subchapter, he or she may suspend or revoke all Village licenses held by the tax evader. The owner, manager, or operator of the hotel accommodations shall have an opportunity to be heard, any such hearing to be held not less than five days after notice of the time and place of the hearing addressed to the owner, manager, or operator at his or her last known place of business. The suspension or revocation of any license shall not release or discharge the owner, manager, or operator of hotel accommodations from his civil liability for the payment of the tax nor for prosecution of such offense.

§ 35.08 TAX PROCEEDS

All proceeds resulting from the imposition of the tax under this subchapter, including penalties, shall be paid into the treasury of the Village and shall be credited to and deposited in the corporate fund of the Village.

§ 35.99 PENALTY

Any person found guilty for violating, disobeying, omitting, neglecting, or refusing to comply with, or resisting or opposing the enforcement of any of the provisions of §§ 35.01 through 35.08, except when otherwise specifically provided, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300 for the first offense and not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 for the second and each subsequent offense in any 180-day period.