

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI ESTABLISHING A LODGING TAX OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) AND SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS THE THE SAME PURSUANT TO SECTION 67.1000 RSMO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS the City of Warrensburg is authorized to enact a lodging tax up to five percent (5%) to fund promotion of the City as a center for conventions, visitors and tourists, and

WHEREAS, the proposed five percent (5%) tax cannot become effective until approved by the voters at a municipal or state general, primary or special election, and

WHEREAS, the voters previously approved a tax of two and one-half percent for this purpose in 1998,

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri as follows:

Section 1. This ordinance and tax should be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, for their approval, as required by Section 67.1000 RSMo, at the general election hereby called and to be held in the City of Warrensburg on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 2019. The ballot of submission shall contain substantially the following language:

Shall the municipality of the City of Warrensburg, Missouri increase the current lodging tax of two and one-half percent (2.5%) to five percent (5%) on sleeping rooms for transient guests of hotels and motels in the City for the purpose of funding promotion of the city as a convention, visitor and tourist center?

Yes

No

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes."
If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No."

Section 2. Upon approval by the voters, and pursuant to the authority granted by Section 67.1000 RSMo, and subject to its provisions, five percent (5%) tax on sleeping rooms for transient guests for the purpose of funding promotion of the city as a convention, visitor and tourist destination will be imposed.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to request the County Clerk, as election authority, to conduct the election, and to cause legal notice of the election to be provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 115 RSMo. The City Clerk shall provide the election authority with a certified copy of this ordinance, a copy of the legal notice to be published, and a sample ballot.

Section 4. This tax, if approved, shall be an increase on the existing tax rate of two and one-half percent (2.5%) to a total of five percent (5%).

Section 5. Within ten (10) days after the approval of this ordinance by the qualified voters of Warrensburg, Missouri, the City Clerk shall cause all hotels and motels in the City to be notified of the new tax rate to be collected and remitted pursuant to Section 22-213 of the Code of Ordinances. Such collection shall become effective thirty days after the date of the notice from the City Clerk.

Section 6. Upon approval by the voters of the tax submitted by this ordinance, Section 22-212 shall be amended to read as follows, but should the voters fail to approve the measure, the section shall remain in force, unaltered:

Sec. 22-212 Levy of Tax

There is hereby levied a tax of five percent (5%) of the gross daily rent due from and paid by transient guests of all sleeping rooms occupied and rented by transient guests of hotels or motels located in the city. This charge is in addition to the charge for the sleeping room and shall be in addition to any and all taxes imposed by law. Said proceeds shall be used for funding by a not for profit organization for the purpose of promoting tourism.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage; and said tax increase shall be in full force and effect after its approval by a majority of qualified voters voting on the issue and in accordance with Section 67.1000 RSMo. Should the tax not receive approval, this ordinance shall be of no force or effect.

Read two (2) times and passed by title this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Danielle Johnston
Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk