

ORDINANCE NO. 81

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.
67 TO IMPOSE A FIVE PER CENT TAX UPON THE
PRIVILEGE OF TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

1. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 67 is hereby amended to read
as follows:

"Section 3. TAX IMPOSED. For the privilege of occupancy in
any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the
amount of five per cent (5%) 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 install-
ment. 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 Administrator may
require that such tax shall be paid directly to the Tax Administrator."

2. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 67 is hereby amended to read as
follows:

"Section 5. OPERATOR'S DUTIES. Each operator shall collect
the tax imposed by this Ordinance to the same extent and at the same
time as the rent is collected from every transient. The amount of
tax shall be separately stated from the amount of the rent charged,
and each transient shall receive a receipt for payment from the
operator if he so demands. No operator of a hotel shall advertise
or state in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, that the
tax or any part thereof will be assumed or absorbed by the operator,
or that it will not be added to the rent, or that, if added, any
part will be refunded except in the manner hereinafter provided."

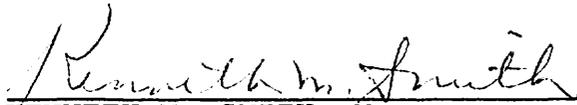
3. This ordinance shall be effective on the 1st day of July,
1968.

4. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published
or posted in the manner required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 1968,
by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Smith, Councilmen Edwards, Fox, Kessler & Shacklett
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:


KENNETH M. SMITH, Mayor


JAMES R. HECK, City Clerk