

ORDINANCE NO. 86-34

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING THE RIDGECREST MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT PERCENT OF RENT CHARGED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-3.3 of the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

"7-3.3 Tax Imposed:

For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of eight percent 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, apportionate 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 Administrator may require that such tax shall be paid directly to the Tax Administrator.

Section 2. Except as provided herein, the Ridgecrest Municipal Code is hereby reaffirmed and readopted.

Section 3. The revenue produced by the change to the Municipal Code will be used to fund operation and maintenance of existing City services. For this reason, this Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act by virtue of 14 Cal. Admin. Code §15273.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 1986, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Mower, Councilmembers Pearson, Bergens and Corlett.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Wiknich.



Michael R. Mower, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk