

CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2019-16

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 102 - Taxation of the Dover Code be amended by inserting a new Article VII - Lodging Tax, as follows:

ARTICLE VII - Lodging Tax

Sec. 102-190. - Local lodging tax.

- (a) A local lodging tax is hereby levied of up to 3% of the cost of the rent, in addition to the amount imposed by the State and the County, for any room or rooms in a hotel, motel or tourist home, as defined in 30 Del. C. §6101, within the boundaries of the City of Dover. The tax will be implemented beginning July 1, 2020 at the rate of one half of 1% for 2020; 1% for 2021; and 1 ½% for subsequent years.
- (b) The local lodging tax, pursuant to this ordinance, is the responsibility of the occupant of the room and shall be collected at the time the rental is paid. Operators of the hotel, motel or tourist home are responsible for the collection of the local lodging tax and the remittance of the taxes to the City of Dover within 20 days after the end of each calendar month, in accordance with procedures established by the City Manager and using forms designated by the City Finance Department. The tax imposed shall be shown on the billing to the occupant as a separate and distinct item.
- (c) Lodging tax receipts will be accounted for in a Committed Fund Balance account to be used only for infrastructure.
- (d) No local lodging tax pursuant to this ordinance shall be collected for reservations or contracts for lodging executed or completed before July 1, 2020.

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

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SYNOPSIS

The amendment imposes a local lodging tax of up to 3% of the cost of the rent, in addition to the amount imposed by the State and the County, for any room or rooms in a hotel, motel or tourist home, as defined in 30 Del. C. §6101, within the boundaries of the City of Dover.

Actions History

- 09/23/2019 - Public Hearing/Final Reading - City Council
- 09/10/2019 - Public Hearing - Council Committee of the Whole/Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee
- 07/22/2019 - First Reading - City Council
- 07/09/2019 - Introduced - Council Committee of the Whole/Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee