

ORDINANCE NO. 4580-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-302 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TN TO INCREASE THE PRIVILEGE TAX UPON THE OCCUPANCY IN ANY HOTEL LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY FROM FIVE PERCENT TO SEVEN PERCENT PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE CITY BY HOUSE BILL 0981/SENATE BILL 1184 AS ENACTED IN 2015 BY THE 109TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1184, as amended, and House Bill 0981, as amended, became law during the 109th General Assembly in 2015 and authorized the City of Johnson City to adjust the rate of the privilege tax upon privilege of occupancy in any hotel located within the City; and

WHEREAS, any adjustment shall be made one-time only and shall not exceed two (2) percent of the consideration charged to the transient by the operator for a maximum of seven (7) percent; and

WHEREAS, any proceeds received by the City of Johnson City from the two (2) percent adjustment in the rate shall be used solely for tourism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY as follows:

SECTION I. That Section 5-302 of the Code of the City of Johnson City be repealed and that there be enacted, pursuant to this ordinance, the following new Section 5-302 to read as follows:

5-302. Levied. There is hereby levied, assessed, and imposed and shall be paid and collected a privilege tax upon the privilege of occupancy in any hotel of each transient in an amount equal to seven (7) percent of the consideration charged by the operator. Of this seven (7) percent privilege tax, two (2) percent received by the City of Johnson City shall be used solely for tourism. Such tax is a privilege tax upon the transient occupying such room and is to be collected as provided by this chapter.

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION III. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect upon third and final reading and adoption by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Johnson City, as required by law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED IN OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING ON
THE FIRST READING 5/21/2015

PASSED IN OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING ON
THE SECOND READING 6/4/2015

PASSED IN OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING ON
THE THIRD READING 6/15/2015

APPROVED AND SIGNED IN OPEN MEETING
ON THE 15th DAY OF June, 2015

FOLLOWING PASSAGE ON THIRD READING.

/s/ Ralph Van Brocklin
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Janet Jennings
CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ James H. Epps, IV
STAFF ATTORNEY