

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners is authorized to adopt ordinances and regulations for the governing and policing of the unincorporated area of the County for the purpose of protecting and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on January 22, 2013 requesting our local legislators to introduce a bill regarding an increase in Hotel/Motel Excise tax from 5% to 8% in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 543 was passed in the Georgia General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor on April 10, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners that the following Sections of the Douglas County Code of Ordinances be amended to include the following as shown by underlying of text and to delete the following as shown by the strike through of text:

Section 1.

Douglas County Code Chapter 12, Article XI, Section 12-161 relating to Motel Excise Tax is amended as follows:

Chapter 12 – Occupational Licenses, Taxes and Regulations

Article XI – Motel Excise Tax

Sec. 12-161. Imposition and rate of tax.

There is hereby levied and imposed, and there shall be paid a tax of ~~five~~ **(5) eight (8)** percent of the rent for every occupancy of a guest room in a motel in the county, provided that levy and collection of that portion of such tax amounting to two (2) percent of the rent which is required to be expended for the purpose of promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows, or for other purposes provided in O.C.G.A. section ~~48-13-51(a)(3)~~ **48-13-51**, shall be superseded during periods of time during which the county has no contract for the expenditure of such funds with the state, a department of the state government, a state authority, or a private sector nonprofit organization, or a contract or contracts with some combination of such entities. Written notice of the dates of the beginning and end of such periods of suspension shall be given to each operator of a motel in the county on or before the date immediately ~~preceeding~~ **preceding** the date each period begins and ends by the clerk of the board of commissioners or such other person as may be designated by him to give such notice. Such notice shall be deemed sufficient if

delivered to any person authorized to collect rent for the operator of the motel to whom notice is required to be given.

Section 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall become effective on _____.



Tom Worthan, Chairman



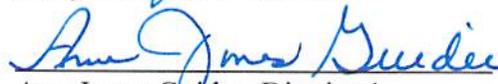
Henry Mitchell III, District 1



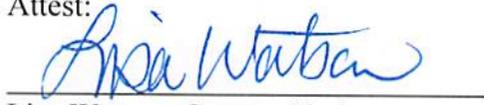
Kelly Robinson, District 2



Michael Mulcare, Vice Chairman,
District 3



Ann Jones Guider, District 4

Attest:


Lisa Watson, County Clerk