# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO	O-21-75	ENACTMENT NO.	_
SPONSORED BY:	Diane G. Gibson		

1 ORDINANCE

- 2 AMENDING SECTION(S) 4-4-9 and 4-4-14 OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
- 3 LODGERS' TAX ORDINANCE.
- 4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
- 5 ALBUQUERQUE:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 4-4-9, COLLECTION OF THE TAXES; REPORTING 7 CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP, is amended as follows:
  - (A) Every vendor providing lodgings within this city shall collect the occupancy tax thereon on behalf of the city and shall act as a trustee therefor.
    - (B) The occupancy tax shall be collected from vendees in accordance with this section and shall be charged separately from the rent fixed by the vendor for the lodgings.
    - (C) On and after June 1, 1969, each vendor shall be liable to the city for the tax provided herein on the rent paid for lodging.
    - (D) (1) Each vendor shall make a report by the 25th day of each month on forms provided by the Mayor of the receipts for lodging paid to him in the preceding calendar month and shall remit therewith payment of the total amount of the occupancy tax due to the city. The report shall include sufficient information to enable the city to audit the report and shall be verified on oath by the vendor. [Each vendor shall make the required report for each reporting period whether or not any tax is due. If no gross taxable rent has been collected for that reporting period, such information shall be reported.] Occupancy taxes not paid and posted to the city's Lodgers Subsidiary Ledger Vendors' Account by the 25th of the month as provided herein shall be considered delinquent.

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- If the 25th day of the month falls on a weekend or holiday, the **(2)** return shall be due on the next business day.
- The Mayor shall select for annual random audits one or more vendors to verify the amount of gross rent subject to the occupancy tax and to ensure that the full amount of occupancy tax on that rent is collected. Copies of audits completed shall be filed with the State of New Mexico local government division of the Department of Finance and Administration.
- Failure to notify the Mayor within 30 working days of a change of ownership on a taxable premises shall subject vendor to a \$500 penalty.
- (G) A nonrefundable hearing fee of \$50.00 shall accompany each appeal to the City Hearing Officer filed pursuant to §§ 4-4-6 or 4-4-9 ROA 1994.
- SECTION 2. Section 4-4-14, MARKETPLACE **PROVIDER** RESPONSIBILITIES, is amended as follows:
  - (A) Marketplace providers shall be responsible for collecting all applicable occupancy taxes and remitting the same to the City. The marketplace provider shall be considered an agent of the vendor for purposes of occupancy tax collections and remittance responsibilities as set forth in this ordinance;
  - (B) Marketplace providers shall disclose to the city on a monthly basis each lodging listing located in the city, the names of the persons responsible for each such listing, the address of each such listing, the length of stay for each such listing and the price for each stay:
  - [(B)] [(C)] Safe Harbor. A marketplace provider operating exclusively on the internet, who operates in compliance with subsection[s] (A) [and (B)] above, shall be presumed to be in compliance with this ordinance, except that the marketplace provider remains responsible for compliance with the administrative penalty provision in § 4-4-99 of this ordinance.
  - SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section,

paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 4. COMPILATION. This ordinance shall be incorporated in and compiled as part of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five days after publication by title and general summary.



### **CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**

## Albuquerque, New Mexico Office of the Mayor

Mayor Tim Keller

#### INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

April 29, 2021

TO:

Cynthia D. Borrego, President - City Council

FROM:

Tim Keller, Mayor

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance: Amends Section(s) 4-4-9 and 4-4-14 of the City of Albuquerque Lodgers' Tax Ordinance.

The attached Ordinance amends Section(s) 4-4-9 and 4-4-14 of the City of Albuquerque Lodgers' Tax Ordinance. It removes existing language requiring Marketplace providers to disclose on a monthly basis host & guest information. Also, new language has been added to require lodging establishments to report revenue each month whether or not any tax is due.

The removal of the requirement for the Marketplace Provider to disclose host and guest identification data is consistent with several legal decisions adverse to this specific clause based on federal data privacy laws. This amendment will have no impact on collections, as the data at issue is already provided by the City's Short-Term Rental (STR) enforcement contractor.

The attached proposed ordinance is hereby forwarded to the Council for its consideration and action.

Ordinance: Amends Section(s) 4-4-9 and 4-4-14 of the City of Albuquerque Lodgers' Tax Ordinance

Approved

Sarita Nai

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

Esteban A. Aqvilar, Jr. 5/10/2021 | 10:18 AM MDT Esteban A. Aguilar, Jr. Date

City Attorney

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**Chief Operating Officer** 

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#### **Cover Analysis**

#### 1. What is it?

The attached Ordinance amends Section(s) 4-4-9 and 4-4-14 of the City of Albuquerque Lodgers' Tax Ordinance.

#### 2. What will this piece of legislation do?

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#### 3. Why is the project needed?

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Mandatory monthly reporting regardless of room rental revenue is consistent with Gross Receipts Tax reporting and allows the City to more efficiently distinguish vendors who are not complying with the Ordinance from those who had no taxable revenue in the reporting period.

#### 4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

There is no cost associated with amending the Lodgers' Tax Ordinance.

# 5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?

N/A

#### FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

TITLE:

AMENDING SECTION(S) 4-4-9 and 4-4-14 OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE LODGERS' TAX ORDINANCE

R:<u>xxx</u> FUND: 220 0:

DEPT: Various

[x]	No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.
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[] (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

Base Salary/Wages		20	021	2022	Fisca	al Years	2023		Total -
Fringe Benefits Subtotal Personnel	35.54%				-			<u>-</u>	<u> </u>
Operating Expenses Debt Service					-				<u>.</u> -
Property Indirect Costs	2.50%		-		-			-	- -
Total Expenses [] Estimated revenues not affected		\$	, ·	\$	-	\$	-	-	\$ -
[X] Estimated revenue impact Revenue from Fund 4 Amount of Grant City Cash Match -Fun City In-kind Match City IDOH City IDOH			0			\$		-	-
Total Revenue		\$		\$	-	\$		-	\$ -

These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.

Number of Positions created

COMMENTS: There is no cost associated with amending the Lodgers' Tax Ordinance.

#### COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:

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<sup>\*</sup> Range if not easily quantifiable.