



State of Alabama

Department of Revenue

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50 North Ripley Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36132

September 17, 2018

TO: ALL PERSONS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS; engaging in the renting or furnishing of rooms, lodgings, or accommodations made to transients in the City of Vernon, Alabama and its police jurisdiction (located in Lamar County).

Article 3, Chapter 51, Title 11, et seq., **Code of Alabama 1975**, authorizes and empowers municipalities to levy a true sales, use, rental, and lodgings tax identical to corresponding State Tax Laws except for the rates of tax.

On May 21, 2018, the governing body of the **City of Vernon** adopted Ordinance No. 05-07-18 (corrected) levying a lodgings tax tax **effective July 1, 2018** with a due date of August 20, 2018.

Lodgings Tax Rates:

General Rate _____ 4.00%

If you are conducting business outside the corporate limits of the City of Vernon but within the police jurisdiction, the rates are one half of the rates shown above.

The Law requires that the City of Vernon local taxes be collected, reported and remitted in the same manner as the State sales, use, rental and lodgings taxes. When you file and pay electronically, the City of Vernon local taxes are to be included on the electronic city/county tax return assigned to you (City and County Tax Return, form 9501). Simply enter the gross amounts and deductions, and all calculations will be done automatically for you. You may file these taxes through My Alabama Taxes (MAT) at <https://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov>.

Please direct all questions regarding City of Vernon local taxes to this office:

Alabama Department of Revenue
Sales and Use Tax Division
Post Office Box 327710
Montgomery, Alabama 36132-7710
334-242-1490 or 866-576-6531

ORDINANCE NO. 05-07-2018

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A PRIVILEGE OR LICENSE TAX AGAINST PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS FURNISHING ROOMS, LODGINGS OR ACCOMMODATIONS TO TRANSIENTS IN THE CITY OF VERNON, ALABAMA, OR WITHIN ITS POLICE JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SAID TAX ; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vernon, in the State of Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Levy of Tax in the City. For the privilege of engaging or continuing within the City in the business activities hereinafter referred to, there is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected as herein provided, a privilege or license tax against the person on account of the business activities and in the amounts to be determined by the application of rates against gross receipts as follows:

(a) There is hereby levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, a privilege or license tax upon every person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of renting or furnishing any room or rooms, lodgings or accommodations to transients in any hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin or any other place in which rooms, lodgings or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration, in an amount to be determined by the application of the rate of four percent (4%) of the charge for such room, rooms, lodgings or accommodations, including the charge for use or rental of personal property and services furnished in such room. The tax shall not apply to rooms, lodgings or accommodations supplied for a period of thirty (30) continuous days or more in any place.

Section 2. Levy of Tax in the Police Jurisdiction. For the privilege of engaging or continuing in the business activities hereinafter referred to within the police jurisdiction of the City outside of its corporate limits, there is hereby levied, in addition to all taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected as herein provided , a privilege or license tax against the persons on account of the business activities and in the amounts to be determined by the application of rates against gross receipts as follows:

(a) There is hereby levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, a privilege or license tax upon every person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of renting or furnishing any room or rooms, lodgings or accommodations to transients in any hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin or any other place in which rooms, lodgings or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration, in an amount to be determined by the application of the rate of two percent (2%) of the charge for such room, rooms, lodgings or accommodations, including the charge for use or rental or personal property and services furnished in such room. The tax shall not apply to rooms, lodgings or accommodations supplied for a period of thirty (30) continuous days or more in any place.

Section 3. Provisions of State Lodgings Tax Statutes Applicable to this Ordinance and Taxes Herein Levied. This ordinance and the taxes herein levied shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, proceedings, requirements, rules, regulations, provisions, penalties, fines, punishments and deductions that are applicable to the taxes levied by the state lodgings tax statutes, except where inapplicable or where herein otherwise provided, including all provisions of the state

lodgings tax statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes.

Section 4. Adding Amount of Tax to Price. Any person on whom the taxes levied by this ordinance are imposed may add the tax herein levied to the receipts from rental of rooms, lodgings or accommodations and may collect same from the occupants of such rooms, but this section is not mandatory.

Section 5. This Ordinance Cumulative to General License, Code or Ordinance. This ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any of the provisions of the general license code or ordinance of the City of but shall be held to cumulative, and the amounts of the taxes herein levied shall be in addition to the amounts of all other license taxes imposed by the City by its general license code or ordinance.

Section 6. Severability. Each and every provision of this ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid shall not affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been invalid.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published one time in the **Lamar Democrat**, a newspaper published in Vernon, Alabama, and having general circulation in the City of Vernon, Alabama, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause such publication to be effected. This ordinance shall become on the 1st day of July, 2018, or upon its publication, whichever occurs last, and the first payment of privilege taxes hereunder shall be due and payable on the 20th day of August, 2018. This ordinance shall remain in full force and effect and apply to each month of the year beginning with the month of July, 2018 and to each month of each calendar year thereafter from year to year.

ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2018.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk