

## MOBILE

Statutory Effective Date: June 1, 2025

Received by the Department: March 20, 2025

The City of Mobile has increased their lodgings taxes as shown below:

<b>Lodgings Tax:</b>	<b><u>OLD RATES</u></b>	<b><u>NEW RATES</u></b>
General Rate .....	8.000	10.000

If the renting or furnishing of rooms, lodgings, or accommodations to transients are made outside the corporate limits of the city but within the police jurisdiction of the city, the rates of tax are one-half of those stated above.

Your City of Mobile lodgings taxes may be remitted online through the 'Local Tax' account in the Alabama Department of Revenue's online filing system, My Alabama Taxes (MAT), the 'ONE SPOT' to file: <https://myalabamataxes.alabama.gov>. If you have any questions about your City of Mobile taxes, please contact:

City of Mobile  
P.O. Box 3065  
Mobile, AL 36652-3065  
(251) 208-7462

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact this office:

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
Sales & Use Tax Division  
P.O. Box 327710  
Montgomery, Alabama 36132-7710  
(334) 242-1490

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LOCAL TAX

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 34 OF THE MOBILE CITY CODE ENTITLED "LODGING TAX"**

Sponsored By: William S. Stimpson, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mobile (the "City") is committed to maintaining and improving public infrastructure and amenities to benefit residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, tourism and overnight lodging are vital components of the local economy, contributing to business activity and employment in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, an adjustment to the lodging tax rate will ensure a fair contribution from visitors benefiting from City resources and services during their stays; and

**WHEREAS**, the lodging tax rate within the City has remained unchanged for approximately twenty years, and will remain competitive with comparable municipalities, even with the adjustment set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 34-101 of Chapter 34 of the Mobile City Code is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety with the following:

**Levy of tax—City.**

There is hereby levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, a privilege or license tax in the nature of a lodgings 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, short-term rental, bed & breakfast, tourist camp, tourist cabin, or any other place in which rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration. The tax shall be in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the charge for such room, rooms, lodgings, or accommodations within the city, including the charge for use or rental of personal property and services furnished in such room.

**SECTION 2.** Section 34-102 of Chapter 34 of the Mobile City Code is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety with the following:

**Levy of tax—Police jurisdiction.**

There is hereby levied and imposed, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, a privilege or license tax in the nature of a lodgings 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, short-term rental, bed & breakfast, tourist camp, tourist cabin, or any other place in which rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration. The tax shall be in an amount equal to five (5) percent

of the charge for such room, rooms, lodgings, or accommodations within the police jurisdiction, including the charge for use or rental of personal property and services furnished in such room.

**SECTION 3.** Section 34-106 of Chapter 34 of the Mobile City Code is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety with the following:

**Allocation of revenues.**

(a) *Visit Mobile.* An amount equal to thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) percent of the total revenues derived from the lodging tax imposed by Section 34-101 shall be allocated to the Mobile Convention and Visitors Corporation, dba "Visit Mobile." This allocation shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) calendar years from the effective date of this ordinance and shall be subject to periodic reconsideration thereafter.

(b) *Convention Facility.* An amount equal to two (2) percent of four-fifths of the revenues derived from the lodging tax imposed by Section 34-101 shall be designated for the expense incurred in building, marketing, operating and financing the convention facility, and for payments of any amounts by the city due under any lease with respect to the convention facility.

(c) *Capital Improvement Fund.* An amount equal to two (2) percent of four-fifths of the revenues derived from the lodging tax imposed by Section 34-101 shall be designated to the capital improvement fund.

(d) *Mobile Airport Authority.* An amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of one-fifth of the revenues derived from the lodging tax imposed by Section 34-101, up to the amounts described below, shall be distributed to the Mobile Airport Authority and designated for operating expenses incurred by the Mobile Airport Authority at the Mobile International Airport, as follows:

- (1) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in fiscal year 2025;
- (2) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in fiscal year 2026;
- (3) two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in fiscal year 2027;
- (4) three million dollars (\$3,000,000) each in fiscal years 2028 through 2035; and
- (5) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in fiscal year 2036;

bringing the total distribution to the Mobile Airport Authority in fiscal years 2025 through 2036 up to, but not exceeding, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000), after which this allocation shall sunset.

(e) *Mobile Arena Facility Debt Service.* An amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of one-fifth of the revenues derived from the lodging tax imposed by Section 34-101, less the distributions described in subsection (d) herein, shall be designated for debt service incurred by the City of Mobile for the construction and financing of the Mobile Arena. This allocation shall remain in effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the effective date of this ordinance or until the initial debt incurred for the Mobile Arena has been retired, whichever is earliest, after which this allocation shall sunset.

(f) *General Fund Operating Budget.* All remaining revenues derived from the lodging tax imposed by this article which are not allocated or distributed as set forth in this section shall be designated to the city's general fund.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY:** In the event that any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall in no manner affect the other sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, as if the section, subsection, clause or phrase so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part thereof.

**SECTION 5. REPEALER:** All City Code sections and ordinances or parts of City Code sections and ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 6. NOTICE TO ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE:** No later than April 1, 2025, the City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of this ordinance to be delivered to the Alabama Department of Revenue as required by law.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall become effective on June 1, 2025, upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted: MAR 11 2025

*Lana Papenbach*  
ASSISTANT City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF MOBILE
I, the undersigned, being the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Mobile, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an
Ordinance 34-004
adopted by the Mobile City Council on the 11 day of March 2025.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of the City of Mobile, this the 19 day of March 2025.
<i>Lana Papenbach</i> Asst City Clerk of the City of Mobile, Alabama

# Public Notice of Lodging Tax Rate Change

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## Public Notice of Lodging Tax Rate Change

**Mobile, Ala.** — On March 11, 2025, the Mobile City Council adopted Ordinance 34-004, increasing the rate of Mobile’s Lodging Tax—an assessment on short-term lodging accommodations collected on transactions within the city limits and its extended police jurisdiction.

Following several weeks of discussion, the City Council approved an increase that raises Mobile’s total lodging tax rate from 8 percent to 10 percent within the city limits and sets the lodging tax rate within the extended police jurisdiction at 5 percent. These changes will officially take effect on June 1, 2025.

Lodgings	City Limits	Police Jurisdiction
General	10%	5%
Per Night Fee	\$0	\$0

As part of the ordinance, the City Council also approved dedicating new revenue from this upcoming lodging tax increases to tourism promotion through Visit Mobile, to support operations at the Mobile International Airport, and to pay down debt service for the construction of Mobile Arena.

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