

SUMMARY OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 1294

Ordinance No. 1294 adds Chapter 3.22 to the Vernon Municipal Code to establish a Transient Occupancy Tax.

Ordinance No. 1294 was approved by a majority of eligible voters casting ballots on Measure X at the General Municipal Election held on April 9, 2024 and certified election results at a regular meeting of the City Council on May 7, 2024.

Ordinance No. 1294 amends the Municipal Code to establish a transient occupancy tax (TOT), also generally known as a “hotel” tax, at the maximum rate of ten percent (10%) of rent paid by guests who occupy a room or space in a hotel or similar lodging (referred to herein as a “hotel”) within the City, for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes, for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or less. The tax applies to the rent paid by the hotel guest for occupancy, whether payment is made directly to a hotel operator or a third-party managing agent for booking purposes (such as travel companies and online short-term rental companies).

All revenue from this tax would be deposited into the City’s General Fund and could be used for general City operations and services, including street and sidewalk repairs, graffiti abatement, public safety, and health services.

This ordinance becomes effective 10 days from the date of election results certification.

The full text of Ordinance No. 1294 is on file in the City Clerk Department and accessible on the City’s website at www.cityofvernon.org.

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