

April 25, 2011
8:30 A.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Business License/Room Tax Review Task Force for the City of Newport met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Rob Oberbillig, Art Moore, Steve Beck, Lee Hardy, Mike Schulz, Patti Cauduro, Tracy Wiley, Mark McConnell, Patricia Patrick-Joling and Lon Brusselback.

Staff present was City Manager Voetberg, City Recorder Hawker, and Finance Director David Marshall.

TRANSIENT ROOM TAX ORDINANCE - DISCUSSION

It was noted that changes to the business license ordinance will make it possible to license vacation rental dwellings. It was suggested that space be included on the applications form for operators to describe the rented space.

The purpose of the transient room tax ordinance was discussed. It was the consensus of the Task Force that the purpose be defined as follows: "The purpose of this chapter is to provide revenue for municipal purposes and to provide for marketing of the city."

The definition of hotel was discussed. It was suggested that the statutory definition of hotel be provided for the Task Force for its review and possible inclusion. It was agreed to delete the reference to "bachelor hotel." It was also agreed to change all references to "hotel" to "transient lodging."

The definition of "operator" was discussed, and it was agreed to change this definition to read: "Operator includes the owner, agent, or any manager of a transient lodging. Compliance by either the principal or the manager shall be considered to be compliance by both."

A discussion ensued regarding section 3.05.020. This section was changed to read, "Each occupant shall pay a tax in the amount established by City Council resolution. The operator shall maintain records of all tax payments by occupants as soon as they are made."

Section 3.05.030(C) was changed to read, "In credit card and similar transactions, the amount of rent shall include only the amount ultimately paid to the operator, excluding any credit card transaction charges."

It was agreed to specifically ask legal counsel about Section 3.05.040(A).

Section 3.05.050(A) was changed to read, "Any person who occupies the same room for more than thirty or more successive calendar days. Any person who has paid a room tax

and occupies a room for 30 consecutive days or more may obtain a refund under Section 3.05.130.” 3.05.050(B) was changed to read, “Any transient occupant whose rent is less than \$2.00 per day.” Paragraphs D was changed to read, “Transient occupancy.”

DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed to continue the review of the transient room tax ordinance at the next meeting, beginning with Section 3.05.060(A).

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned a 9:34 A.M.