

CITY OF NEWPORT

ORDINANCE NO. 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1849
OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Newport collects room tax from lodging establishments within the City, and

WHEREAS, tourism is extremely important to the economy of the City of Newport, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to support both tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities by making grants of room tax funds available to qualifying applicants, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to maintain the current amount of room tax collected by the City and to remove the language in Ordinance No. 1849 limiting the City's ability to make grant funds available to certain types of tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities, so that all qualified applicants will be eligible for receipt of room tax funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF NEWPORT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1849 is amended to read as follows:

Effective July 1, 2005, the rate of tax which each transient shall pay pursuant to Section 2 of said Ordinance No. 1033 shall be increased by an additional 1.5 percent, to 9.5 percent of the rent charged by the operator. All room tax receipts received by the City by reason of this 1.5 percent increase, and by reason of the prior 1 percent increase pursuant to Section 1, above, for the period commencing July 1, 2005, shall be available for City use, consistent with the restrictions of applicable state law and consistent with Chapter 3.05 of the Newport Municipal Code.

Section 2. Except as hereby amended or supplemented, Ordinance No. 1849 and the provisions thereof are expressly hereby ratified and confirmed, and the provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Declaration of Emergency. It is hereby adjudged and declared that existing conditions are such that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the City of Newport, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance, and all provisions modifying the ordinance referred to herein, shall take effect in full force and effect when signed by the Mayor.

Adopted by the City Council on October 17, 2011.

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Mark McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder