

1 **CHAPTER _____ – HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS**

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3 **Sec. _____ - Definitions. Modified**

4 The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings
5 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
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7 *Hotel* and *motel* means a facility offering transient lodging accommodations to the general public
8 for compensation and having ten or more sleeping rooms that may also have additional
9 accessory services, such as meeting rooms, restaurants and recreational activities.
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11 *Minor* means an individual less than 18 years of age.
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13 *Person* means any individual, firm, owner, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, and
14 unincorporated association governmental body, municipal corporation, executor, administrator,
15 trustee, guardian, agent, occupant or other legal entity.
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17 *Records* means the name and home address of each guest or person renting or occupying a
18 room, including adults and minors, kept electronically or in a book/register inscribed with ink or
19 indelible pencil.
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21 *Transient* means any person who, for a period of time not exceeding thirty (30) consecutive
22 days, either at his own expense or at the expense of another, obtains lodging in any lodging
23 place.
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25 **Sec. _____ - Penalties.**

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27 Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
28 Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense. In addition to any penalties
29 imposed for each violation, a judge hearing the case shall order the person responsible for the
30 violation to correct the violation, and each day's default in such correction shall constitute a
31 violation of and a separate offense under this chapter.
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33 **Sec. _____ - Enforcement.**

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35 Any law enforcement officer, fire marshal or any of his assistants and fire inspector, shall have
36 authority to enforce all provisions of this chapter.
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38 **Sec. _____ - Guest register generally.**

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40 (a) Every person operating any hotel or motel in the city shall at all times keep and maintain
41 therein a record, either electronic or in a book/register inscribed with ink or indelible pencil,

42 including the name and valid address of each adult guest or person renting or occupying a room
43 as well as a description and license plate number of any vehicle being used by such guest,
44 except in cases where a third-party registered travel agent or legal entity is responsible for
45 making travel arrangements for individuals or parties. The name of all minors shall be recorded
46 and kept if such persons are not accompanied by an adult. Such book or register shall be
47 signed by the person renting a room, or someone of his authority, and the proprietor of such
48 hotel or motel, or his agent, shall thereupon electronically enter or write, with ink or indelible
49 pencil, opposite such name so registered, the number of the room assigned to and occupied by
50 such guest, together with the time when such room is rented. Until all of the aforesaid entries
51 have been made electronically or in such book or register, no guest shall be permitted to occupy
52 privately any room in such hotel or motel.

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54 (b) When the occupant of a room so rented shall quit and surrender the same, it shall be the
55 duty of the proprietor of such hotel or motel, or his agent, to enter the time thereof electronically
56 or in such book or register opposite the name of such occupant.