

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-06

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A THREE PERCENT (3%) GROSS RECEIPTS OR GROSS PROCEEDS TAX ON HOTELS, MOTELS AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SLEEPING, MEETING, OR PARTY ROOM FACILITIES FOR PROFIT IN THE CITY OF CLINTON AND DIRECTING CLINTON CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH AND IMPLEMENT SAID TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City has sustained serious damages and injury as a result of natural disasters in 2008 and is in the process of attempting to rebuild the damages to the City and its infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for public recreational facilities and the promotion of tourism with the City of Clinton and the City has created and appointed an Advertising and Promotion Commission to promote same; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that by promoting the available tourism and recreational opportunities in the City that the City will thereby benefit by the additional revenue generated by increased public use of those opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1.

There is hereby levied a three percent (3%) gross receipts or gross proceeds tax on hotels, motels and short-term rental accommodations for sleeping, meeting, or party room facilities for profit located with the City of Clinton.

Section 2.

This Ordinance does not include the rental or lease of accommodations identified in Section 1 that are for periods of thirty (30) days or more.

Section 3.

The Advertising and Promotion Commission created pursuant to Ordinance No. 2008-02

Is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate such rules and regulations and procedures as are deemed necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities under this Ordinance and as may be required by state law. Provided, however, that all any such rules, regulations, or procedures must be approved by the Clinton City Council.

Section 4.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5.

Should any part or parts of this ordinance be declared void or unconstitutional for any reason, it shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

There being an urgent need to increase the flow of revenue into the City of Clinton due to the financial burden of recent natural disasters and because additional revenue is necessary to provide for the promotion of public tourism and recreational opportunities in the City it is necessary that this City take all steps possible to accelerate the process of revenue flow. An emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance will go into effect on August 1, 2008.

PASSED: July 10, 2008



ATTEST:

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Merl Eoff, Recorder/ Treasurer

Roger L. Rorie
Roger L. Rorie, Mayor

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