ORDINANCE No. 189031 As Amended

Add a new per night fee assessed on Booking Agents or Transient Lodging Intermediaries for the privilege of facilitating a Short-Term Rental Occupancy (Ordinance; add Code Chapter 6.09)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Portland’s lodging industry has changed over the last five years beyond the traditional hotel being the main lodging provider. As many as 4,000 rooms are rented in Portland in short-term rental accommodations, following the legalization of this type of accessory residential property use in 2014.
2. City Council desired to increase funding for housing and homeless initiatives and finds that short-term rentals should help pay for housing availability.
3. City Council passed Resolution #37288 on May 31, 2017. This resolution directed the Bureau of Revenue & Financial Services - Revenue Division and the City Attorney’s Office to draft City Code amendments to assess a $2 per-night fee on all short-term rental platforms advertising properties in Portland.
4. Since that time, City Council offices have expressed to the Revenue Division that the per-night fee that is proposed to City Council should be $4 per-night.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. Code Chapter 6.09 is added as shown in Exhibit A.

b. The effective date of Code Chapter 6.09 is August 1, 2018.

c. The assessment of the $4 per night per room fee is effective for Booking Agents or Transient Lodging Intermediaries of short-term rental accommodations on new reservations on or after August 1, 2018.

d. The revenues from the $4 per night fee (after any refunds or other adjustments) will be deposited in the Housing Investment Fund.

e. The Revenue Division will provide City Council with a brief report approximately one year after the Pass-Through Registration with HomeAway and Airbnb begin. The report will include the revenue collected from the per night fee and an analysis of the impact the fee is having on the marketplace.

Passed by the Council: JUN 20 2018

Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Nick Fish
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Date Prepared: March 26, 2018

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Auditor of the City of Portland
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Deputy
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