

AN ACT

A Measure, amending the City of Portland Charter, Chapter 7-113, Transient Lodgings Tax.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

Section 1. Chapter 7-113 of the Charter of the City of Portland, Oregon is amended to read as follows:

1. The Council may by ordinance impose and levy a tax not exceeding five percent on gross amounts of money, credit or other things of value paid to or received for lodging by the owner or operator, of any hotel, motel, apartment or lodging house, mobile home or trailer park or court, or any other place in the City where space designed or intended for lodging occupancy is rented by any person or persons, for any period less than monthly. This tax shall not apply to hospitals, convalescent or nursing homes, or public institutions, or permanent occupancy as defined by ordinance. Minimum rentals to which the tax shall apply may be fixed by ordinance. The tax imposed shall be collected by the owner or operator, of the rental space in addition to the rental charge, at the time of payment of rent. City revenues from such taxes shall be credited to the General Fund of the City and used for general City purposes, as the Council may find appropriate, which may include provision for and the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of recreational, cultural, convention or tourist-related facilities or services.
2. In addition to any other tax authorized by this Section of the Charter the Council shall by ordinance impose and levy a tax of one percent on gross amounts of money, credit or other things of value paid to or received for lodging by the owner or operator, of any hotel, motel, apartment or lodging house, mobile home or trailer park or court, or any other place in the City where space designed or intended for lodging occupancy is rented by any person or persons, for any period less than monthly. This tax shall not apply to hospitals, convalescent or nursing homes, public institutions, or permanent occupancy as defined by ordinance. Minimum rentals to which the tax shall apply may be fixed by ordinance. The tax imposed shall be collected by the owner or operator, of the rental space in addition to the rental charge, at the time of payment of rent. City revenues from such one percent tax increase, after providing for the cost of administration and any refunds or credits authorized by ordinance, shall be used exclusively as provided hereinafter for the promotion, solicitation, procurement, and service of convention business and tourism in the City. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the City from time to time for periods not to exceed five (5) years, subject to annual review, shall negotiate contracts with a non-profit corporation or with non-profit corporations

organized under the laws of Oregon, whose primary purpose during the term of the contract or contracts is the promotion, solicitation, procurement and service of convention business and tourism in the City, for that corporation or corporations to expend revenues collected pursuant to this subsection for the purposes set forth in the subsection. In entering into the contract or contracts, the Council shall consider the recommendations of the persons subject to the tax imposed by this subsection. The Council shall in its sole discretion determine the portion of such revenues to be allocated between convention business and tourism. [Add. Dec. 14, 1971; Am. Nov. 7, 1978; am. May 18, 1994.]

3. In addition to any other authority granted under this Charter, the City Council shall have power and authority to provide for the administration of, and interpretation of the terms in, this Section 7-113 by ordinance as legislative action, as the Council may deem necessary and appropriate.

BALLOT TITLE (10 words)

AMENDS CHARTER: AUTHORIZES CITY COUNCIL TO INTERPRET TRANSIENT LODGINGS TAX.

QUESTION: (17 words)

Shall City Council be authorized to interpret and administer provisions of the Transient Lodgings Tax by ordinance?

SUMMARY: (65 words)

City voters have previously authorized a tax on rentals of any place in the City of Portland of space designed or intended for lodging of less than 31 days, commonly called the Transient Lodgings Tax. This measure amends the City Charter Section 7-113 to provide the City Council authority to administer and interpret provisions of the City's Transient Lodgings Tax, by ordinance as legislative action.