

ORDINANCE NO. 45-20

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Richland Municipal Code Section 5.36.010 related to authorization of special lodging assessments.

WHEREAS, the City has need, from time to time, to update the Richland Municipal Code to bring it into alignment with current practices; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the City of Richland became a member of the Tri-City Regional TPA; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-City Regional TPA has determined to increase the special lodging assessment from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per night of stay; and

WHEREAS, amendment to RMC 5.26.010 is required to implement the new assessment.

WHEREAS, the cities of Richland, Pasco and Kennewick have, contemporaneously herewith, adopted the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Establishment of a Tri-City Regional Tourism Promotion Area to provide for the increase in Special Lodging Assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Section 5.36.010, entitled Authorization of special lodging assessment, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 29-13, and last amended by Ordinance No. 17-04, is hereby amended as follows:

**5.36.010 Authorization of special lodging assessment.**

There is hereby assessed, pursuant to RCW 35.101.050, a special lodging assessment as a charge for the furnishing of lodging by lodging businesses located within the Richland tourism promotion area in the amount of:

- A. ~~Two~~ Three dollars per night of stay at each Class A lodging business as defined below.
- B. No charge per night of stay at each Class B lodging business as defined below.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

Section 3. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
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Ryan Lukson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

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