

Council considered on second reading an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Thomasville, Section 18-117, "Imposition and rate of (hotel-motel) tax", as requested by the Department of Community Affairs. On motion of Councilmember Lewis and seconded by Councilmember Campbell, the following ordinance was ordered read for the second time, passed, and adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY AMENDING SECTION 18-117, CAPTIONED "IMPOSITION AND RATE OF TAX," OF ARTICLE V, "CAPTIONED "HOTEL-MOTEL EXCISE TAX", OF CHAPTER 18, CAPTIONED "TAXATION, REVENUE, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS," TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 18-117, captioned "Imposition and rate of tax," of Article V, captioned "Hotel-motel excise tax", of Chapter 18, captioned, "Taxation, Revenue, and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" of the Code of the City of Thomasville be amended by striking in its entirety Section 18-117, and by substituting in its place a new Section 18-117, so as to read as follows:

Section 18-117      Imposition and rate of tax; proceeds of tax.

There shall be paid a tax of five (5) percent of the rent for every occupancy of a guest room in a hotel in the city. The tax imposed by this article shall be paid upon any occupancy on and after July 1, 1992, although such occupancy is held pursuant to a contract, lease, or other arrangement made prior to such date.

The proceeds of this tax shall be used in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-13-51 (a) 3.

SECTION II.

Be it further ordained that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed for purposes of the ordinance only.

SECTION III.

Be it further ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held on Monday, June 13, 2005, and read a second time, passed and adopted at like meeting held on Wednesday, June 29, 2005.