

**CITY OF ROMULUS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-002**

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28 ARTICLE III LICENSING OF, HOTELS,  
MOTELS, AND, MOTOR COURTS***

**THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:**

Section 1. Chapter 28 Article III Licensing of, Hotels, Motels, and Motor Courts amended to read as follows:

**Section 28-78. Definitions.**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in articles II and III of this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*City* means the City of Romulus.

*Family* means one family unit, members of which are related by consanguinity or by marriage and shall also include those other persons six and less in number living together as a unit except for small group homes as defined under MCL 400.703 et seq., which are exempted from this article.

*Hotel* means a dwelling structure providing rooms in which no provision for cooking is made, and/or conference facilities are provided, and is subject to the innkeepers' guest laws of the state.

*Motel and motor court* means a dwelling structure providing rooms for rent to the public and subject to the innkeepers' guest laws of the state in which no provision for cooking is made in each dwelling unit.

*Responsible Party* means an individual residing in the State of Michigan who is designated by the Owner as the person who is responsible for the management of the Property and upon whom the City may serve all papers, motions and tickets with regard to enforcement of all City ordinances related to the Property.

(Code 1999, § 15-236; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

**Section 28-81. Registration.**

Every holder of a license for a, hotel, motel, or motor court shall provide and maintain a bound book in which shall be entered in ink, the name and home address of any person other than members of the same family as listed in the application for the license, occupying the premises or any part thereof. The register shall also show the make and license number of any motor vehicle owned or used by each registrant and list either the driver's license number or

state identification number of each registrant. The register shall be maintained in the premises in plain view and in a convenient place near the main entrance and shall be submitted upon demand to any official or police officer of the city or to any public officer of the state. The register shall constitute a public record. This section does not apply to apartment houses or roominghouses.

(Code 1999, § 15-239; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

### **Section 28-82. Rental.**

- (a) No room or unit of premises which is a, hotel, motel, or motor court, as defined in the provisions of this article, shall be rented or let for a period of less than 24 hours, nor shall any such room or unit be rented or let to more than one tenant for each 24-hour period. The right to occupy any such room or unit shall not be assigned, transferred, or sublet. No licensee shall approve, suffer, or permit the assignment, transfer or subletting of any such room or unit.
- (b) No such room or unit shall be used for any unlawful act. No person shall occupy or use as a guest or a tenant or be permitted to occupy or use as a guest or tenant any, hotel, motel, or motor court, or other similar accommodations for a period of more than 30 days in any calendar year.

(Code 1999, § 15-240; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

### **Section 28-84. License.**

No person shall use, operate, or occupy or cause to be used, operated, or occupied, any building, structure, or premises within the city as a hotel, motel, or motor court or any combination thereof, unless there is in his possession and posted on such building, structure, or premises in a conspicuous place an unrevoked license of current issue as provided in this article.

(Code 1999, § 15-256; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

### **Section 28-85. Application.**

Application for a license required by this article shall be made in writing to the city clerk, upon a form provided for that purpose, and shall be filed with the city clerk. The application shall include the applicant's name and address, the interests in the building and the location thereof, the name and address of the owner of record of the building and premises;; a list of the rooms, suites or beds therein, indicating the size of the rooms, number of beds in each room, sanitary facilities and the maximum number of persons to whom it is desired to rent the premises when rented at full occupancy; and a description of the accommodations available for such family occupancy, and such other information as may be required by the regulations authorized in section 28-79. Application for renewal of a license shall be filed at least 60 days

prior to the expiration date of the current license. Each applicant shall designate a responsible party as defined in this ordinance.

(Code 1999, § 15-257; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

### **Section 28-87. Investigation.**

Upon receipt of an application for a license or renewal of a license required by this article in proper form, the city clerk shall refer the same to the department of building and safety, police department, and the fire department, each of whom shall make an inspection and investigation, together with a written report and recommendation. The object of such investigation and inspection is to determine whether or not the building and premises are in compliance with all ordinances of the city and statutes of the state that would apply to such building and premises and verify that the applicant has no previous convictions for violation of the ordinances of the city or statute of the state that apply to the business to be operated on the premises.

(Code 1999, § 15-259; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

### **Section 28-88. Issuance.**

- (a) Upon filing with the city clerk a proper application for a license required by this article, together with the required fee, and upon the filing with the city clerk of written reports from the department of building and safety, the fire department and the police department recommending the issuance of such license, the city clerk shall issue to the applicant in the name of the city a license subject to the provisions of this article.
- (b) The issuance of a license shall not be construed as a waiver of any requirements of the zoning ordinance or any other applicable state, local, or federal law.

(Code 1999, § 15-260; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

### **Section 28-91. Duration.**

All licenses issued herein under this article shall be for a period of one year, unless sooner revoked or suspended. All licenses issued pursuant to this article shall be renewed on the anniversary of the prior license. If a license is not issued by its renewal date because the applicant has not complied with the requirements of this ordinance by the renewal date, the license when issued shall be for the remainder of the 12-month period since the last anniversary.

(Code 1999, § 15-263; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

### **Section 28-93. Cause of denial and revocation; notice.**

- (a) Any license requested under this article may be refused by the city clerk for failure to comply with the requirements of this ordinance or the inspections required by City

ordinances. Any license issued under the provisions of this article may be revoked or suspended by the mayor or city clerk at any time upon notice to the licensee which will be effective ten days after notice if there is no appeal under section 28-94, for any of the following causes:

- (1) Fraud or misrepresentation in the application for license;
  - (2) Fraud or misrepresentation in the operation of the licensee's business;
  - (3) Any violation of this article;
  - (4) Any violation of the ordinances of the city;
  - (5) Any violation of the laws of the state or of the United States;
  - (6) Conducting a business in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or a menace to the health, morals, safety, or welfare of the public, or creates a nuisance;
  - (7) Any failure or inability on the part of the applicant to meet and satisfy the requirements and provisions of this article.
- (b) Written notice of refusal, revocation, or suspension, stating the cause therefor, shall be delivered to the applicant or licensee personally, or mailed to the address stated in his application.

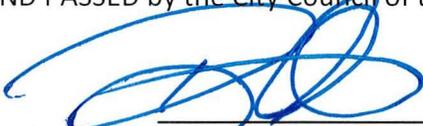
(Code 1999, § 15-265; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

### **Section 28-94. Appeal.**

Any person whose license issued pursuant to this article is revoked or suspended and any person whose request for a license is refused shall have the right to a hearing before the City Clerk, provided a written request therefor is filed with the city clerk within ten days following the delivery or mailing of notice of refusal, revocation or suspension. . The city council shall have the right to affirm and sustain any refusal to issue a license, or any revocation or suspension of a license issued to the City Clerk, or the city council may grant or reinstate any license if the appeal to City Council is made within 14 days of the decision of the Clerk following a hearing requested by the Appeal before the Clerk.

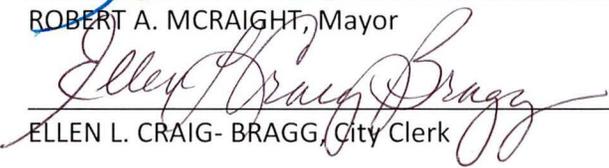
(Code 1999, § 15-266; Ord. of 11-28-2005(02), § 1)

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 4th day of April, 2022.



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ROBERT A. MCRAIGHT, Mayor



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ELLEN L. CRAIG- BRAGG, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 4th day of April, 2022.

  
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ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in Associated Newspaper "The Eagle", a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 14th day of April, 2022.

  
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ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

**Introduced:** March 28, 2022

**Adopted:** April 4, 2022

**Publish/Effective:** April 14, 2022